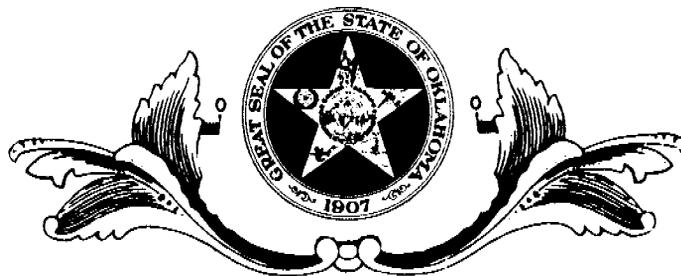


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

Whereas, each year the Lupus Foundation of America designates May as National Lupus Awareness Month to show support for the estimated 1.5 million Americans, including over 25,000 Oklahomans, who have lupus; and

Whereas, lupus is an acute and chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system is unbalanced, causing inflammation and tissue damage to virtually every organ system in the body; and

Whereas, lupus can affect any part of the body, including the skin, lungs, heart, kidneys and brain, no organ is spared; and

Whereas, lupus can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages and organ failures; and

Whereas, while lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age, no one is safe from lupus; African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to develop lupus – a disparity that remains unexplained; and

Whereas, lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of lupus; and

Whereas, there have been no new drugs approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration specifically for lupus in 60 years and current treatments for the disease can have damaging side effects;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2011 as

"Lupus Awareness Month"

in the state of Oklahoma, and urge all citizens to observe this month by educating themselves on the symptoms and impact of lupus, and to join with the Oklahoma Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America in supporting programs of research, education and community services.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.

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Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 18th day of March in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and third year.

ATTEST:

Michelle Day
SECRETARY OF STATE Assistant

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR