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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and*

Whereas, *more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and*

Whereas, *medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and*

Whereas, *many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and*

Whereas, *there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus;*

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2011 as*

"Lupus Day"

in the State of Oklahoma.

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

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 13th *day of* April *, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* eleven *, and of the State of Oklahoma in the* One hundred and third year.

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