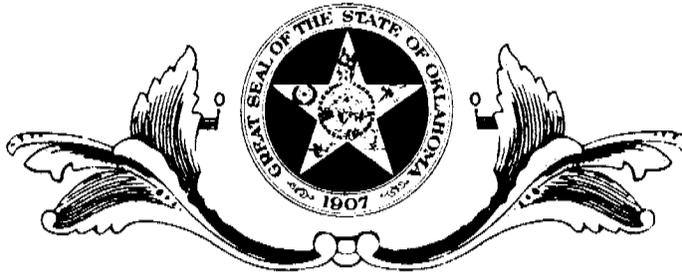


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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## Proclamation

Whereas, a woman receives a diagnosis of breast cancer every two minutes, making this disease the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the U.S., other than skin cancers; and

Whereas, it is estimated that by the end of 2011, approximately 2,300 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the State of Oklahoma, and about 520 will die from the disease; and

Whereas, through research and advocacy, significant advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer, including an increase in five-year relative survival rates for localized breast cancer from 74 percent to 98 percent; and

Whereas, the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. today are a testament to encourage, as well as the importance of promoting awareness about breast cancer, providing information, funding research, following recommended screening guidelines, and offering treatment to those who are affected; and

Whereas, the efforts of various organizations have made a major contribution to spreading breast cancer awareness to both women and men in all communities in this state through outreach, education, screening programs, and have empowered women with the life-saving message of early detection and the importance of having annual mammograms; and

Whereas, throughout the month of October, women are encouraged to make a renewed commitment to following recommended screening guidelines and to make a mammogram appointment; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma recognizes the importance of working together and supporting events such as Breast Cancer Awareness Month;

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

**"Breast Cancer Awareness Month"**

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 30th day of September in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and third year.

Assistant  
Secretary of State

Mary Fallin  
GOVERNOR

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