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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disabilities and is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, killing over 134,000 people nationwide and over 2,000 citizens of Oklahoma each year; and*

Whereas, *stroke prevalence is projected to increase by 24.9% between 2010 and 2030 and the direct medical costs for treating stroke are expected to increase by 238%, from $28.3 billion in 2010 to $95.6 billion by 2030; and*

Whereas, *warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and sudden severe headache with no known cause; and*

Whereas, *Americans are more aware of the risk factors and warning signs for stroke than in the past, but according to a recent survey, one-third of adults cannot identify any symptoms; and*

Whereas, *the signature action for American Stroke Month 2012 is to reach out to a young audience ages 10 to 17 through all music genres and social media activities to educate them about stroke, warning signs and risk factors and to engage them in sharing the messages with their parents and grandparents; and*

Whereas, *through the American Stroke Association's Power To End Stroke Awareness campaign, the 31 Days of Power activity will empower African Americans to reduce their stroke risk, recognize warning signs, and respond quickly in a stroke emergency to reduce stroke in African Americans, who are at particular high risk of the disease. Participation in a local 31 Days of Power event or activity is encouraged; and*

Whereas, *new and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of stroke, but much more research is needed;*

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2012 as*

"American Stroke 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 16th *day of* May *, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* twelve *, and of the State of Oklahoma in the* one hundred and fourth *year.*

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ATTEST: Michelle R Day
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR