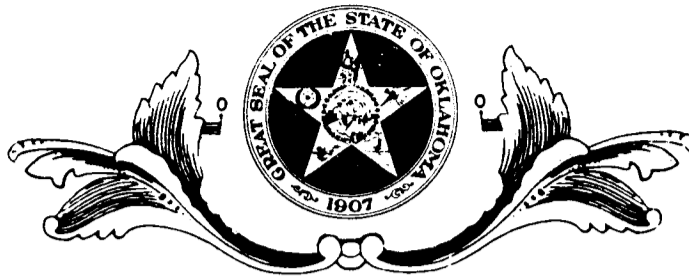


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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

Whereas, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a term used to refer to a group of diseases that cause airflow obstruction and breathing related problems; and

Whereas, 13.1 million adults in the United States were estimated to have COPD; and

Whereas, close to 24 million adults in the United States have evidence of impaired lung function, indicating an under diagnosis of COPD; and

Whereas, COPD is an important cause of hospitalization in our aged population; and

Whereas, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is a life threatening disease that progressively robs people of breath; and

Whereas, one-quarter to one half of people with the disease do not know they have it, as they may go undiagnosed; and

Whereas, COPD can be diagnosed with a quick, painless lung function test called Spirometry, which is almost as simple as blowing out the candles on a birthday cake; and

Whereas, for people diagnosed with COPD, there are medications and treatments available to help them feel better and live longer; and

Whereas, it is the policy of the Governor of Oklahoma to promote the good health of citizens statewide;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2012 as

**"Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness 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.



ATTEST:

Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Michelle R. Day

GOVERNOR

Mary Fallin

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 2nd day of November, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred one fourth year.

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