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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, congenital heart defects are the most frequently occurring birth defect and the leading cause of birth defect related deaths worldwide; and

Whereas, over a million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with congenital heart defects; and

Whereas, every year 40,000 babies are born in the United States with congenital heart defects; and

Whereas, some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth; and

Whereas, undiagnosed congenital heart conditions cause many cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes; and

Whereas, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families, whose lives have been affected, to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone; and

Whereas, the establishment of Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about congenital heart defects;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of February 7th through February 14th, 2013 as

"Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week"

in the State of Oklahoma, and encourage all citizens to increase awareness, education and services for congenital heart defects which each year affect hundreds of babies in 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 7th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.



ATTEST:

Acting Assistant Secretary of State

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Governor

Mary Fallin

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