

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

Whereas, Gum Disease Awareness Month is an annual health promotion event directed at helping people make lifelong improvements in their health and quality of life by sharing information and spreading awareness with a key message of encouragement to take an active role in preventing gum disease with simple tools and habit changes; and

Whereas, between 74-85% of Americans suffer some degree of gum disease but less than half are aware of it; and

Whereas, Oklahoma has committed to providing reliable oral health information including how to prevent and treat gum disease, because protecting and promoting the oral health of the people in this community is in the best interest of the individual and the community as a whole; and

Whereas, Gum Disease Awareness Month supports community health by disseminating important information and the tips and tools to empower citizens to make improvements to their health and the health of their families;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2013 as

**"Gum Disease 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 3rd day of January, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

*Michelle R. Day*  
Assistant Secretary of State

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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