

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, all citizens should be made aware of the ever-present danger posed by potentially poisonous substances; and

Whereas, our youngsters too often have access to commonly used drugs and medicines and to such potentially toxic household products as polishes, cleaners, lighter fluids, antifreeze, and paint solvents; and

Whereas, many of our state's official and voluntary organizations have been instrumental in educating individuals on the need for poison prevention, including the proper use of child protection packaging; and

Whereas, the latest Oklahoma Poison Control Center's statistics indicate nearly 80% of human exposures were safely managed at home, preventing unnecessary emergency room visits and reducing the healthcare costs for Oklahoma; and

Whereas, in 2012, the poison center received over 47,000 calls and over 50 percent of these calls were related to children under five years of age; and

Whereas, although substantial efforts have been made to decrease the incidence of poisonings, it is clear that the goal of reducing morbidity and mortality, associated with poisoning exposures, through poison prevention education, must remain a priority;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of March 17th through March 23rd, 2013 as

"Poison Prevention Week"

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 5th day of March, 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
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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