STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *healthcare compliance has become a top priority for the federal and state governments to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse in government spending within healthcare; and*

Whereas, *healthcare compliance professionals serve their employing organizations with the highest sense of integrity, exercise unprejudiced and unbiased judgment on their behalf, and promote effective compliance programs while advocating prevention of organizational misconduct; and*

Whereas, *healthcare compliance includes activities related to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) which includes, in part, regulations which protect the privacy and security of patients' health information; and*

Whereas, *healthcare compliance professionals work to ensure employing organizations comply with all relevant laws and inspire all employees within the organization to value the responsibility to ensure compliance in their daily activities. Daily activities include not only clinical services, but also the documentation and billing of these services in accordance with state and federal regulations; and*

Whereas, *healthcare compliance encompasses clinical research with regulations affecting patient safety while developing new and innovative treatments in advancing healthcare. Healthcare compliance professionals are guided by ethical principles that are basic to the protection of human participants; and*

Whereas, *healthcare compliance endeavors to protect patients in relation to safety issues related to medical treatments and exposures during diagnostic services. A healthcare compliance program is responsible for ensuring regulatory compliance of policies and procedures for the safe use of radioactive materials; and*

Whereas, *healthcare compliance programs champion ethical practices and standards to provide the necessary resources for healthcare professionals and others who share these principals;*

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2013 as*

"Healthcare Compliance 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.*

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Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 2nd *day of* April *, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* thirteen *, and of the State of Oklahoma in the* one hundred and fifth year.

ATTEST: [signature] SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin GOVERNOR