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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *mental illness is one of the leading causes of disabilities in the United States, affecting one out of every four adults and one out of every ten children; and*

Whereas, *mental illness is a highly treatable medical illness of the brain posing the same concern as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses; and*

Whereas, *scientific research is producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illness, resulting in more effective treatments to allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and*

Whereas, *misunderstandings exist about mental illness and social culture often wrongly imposes a stigma on mental illness; and*

Whereas, *every individual and family must understand that mental health is an essential part of overall health. We must increase recovery by reducing the stigma of seeking mental health care through the advancement and implementation of statewide strategies;*

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2013 as*

"Oklahoma Mental Health Walk 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.*

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 8th *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:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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