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Proclamation

Whereas, *an estimated 2,140 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and an estimated 450 men each year will die from the disease; and*

Whereas, *the public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and*

Whereas, *early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and*

Whereas, *due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and*

Whereas, *in order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease are necessary; and*

Whereas, *in remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this often overlooked disease, it is appropriate to designate October 20th through October 26th, 2013, as "Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week";*

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim October 20th through October 26th, 2013 as*

"Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week"

in the state of Oklahoma.

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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 21st *day of* August, *in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* thirteen, *and of the State of Oklahoma in the* one hundred and fifth year.

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

Chris Morris
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE