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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

Whereas, lung cancer kills 158,000 Americans every year, more than any other form of cancer; and

Whereas, smoking is the most common cause of lung cancer; secondhand smoke exposure, radon, asbestos, and genetic disorders have long been known to also cause lung cancer; and

Whereas, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer recently added outdoor air pollution and particulate matter to the growing list of air pollutants known to cause lung cancer; and

Whereas, although avoiding exposure to these carcinogens is the best way to prevent lung cancer, people cannot always avoid them because they are so widespread; and

Whereas, early diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer greatly improves survival rates; however, most cases are not diagnosed until later stages; and

Whereas, it is estimated that 72,000 women in the United States will die of lung cancer in 2013; 26 percent of all female deaths are due to cancer; and

Whereas, lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in the United States; and

Whereas, in the last 35 years, the lung cancer death rate has fallen 21 percent among men while increasing 116 percent among women;

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

"Lung Cancer Awareness Month"

in the state of Oklahoma and urge all citizens to learn about the detection and treatment of lung cancer and offer compassion to people with the disease.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



ATTEST:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 13th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin

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