

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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Proclamation

Whereas, the March of Dimes Foundation is a pioneer in improving the health of infants and women of childbearing age by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality; and

Whereas, the March of Dimes is a long-time advocate for access to healthcare for women of childbearing age, infants, children, and families, ensuring they have access to private and public health coverage; and

Whereas, the March of Dimes, in 2003, launched the Prematurity Campaign to address the crisis of premature birth and help families have full-term, healthy babies, and authored the Premature Research Expansion and Education Act for Mothers (PREEMIE) Act, which Congress enacted in 2013 to expand research, education, and services to fight premature births; and

Whereas, the March of Dimes has set a national goal of reducing preterm births to 9.6 percent in every state by 2020, which will result in a healthier start in life for tens of thousands of infants; and

Whereas, the March of Dimes sponsors numerous programs to support healthy pregnancies and infants, such as its work to prevent early elective deliveries and the NICU Family Support program; and

Whereas, the March of Dimes and its volunteers continue to advocate for national and state health policies and programs that affect women of childbearing age, infants, children, and families;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2014 as

"March of Dimes 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.



ATTEST:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 19th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin

GOVERNOR

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