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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

Whereas, Fabry disease is a rare, progressive, destructive, and life-threatening inherited genetic disorder that causes children and adults to suffer a cascade of life-altering symptoms such as pain, inability to perspire, intolerance to heat and exercise, unexplained fevers, chronic gastrointestinal upset, chronic fatigue, anxiety, depression, and excessive school and work absences. It progresses to include hearing loss, lung disease, heart disease, kidney disease, cerebrovascular disease, and other symptoms. It often causes premature death in adults due to heart attacks, strokes and kidney failure; and

Whereas, Fabry disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A that causes insufficient breakdown of lipids. Lipids build up to harmful levels in the body causing lysosomal and cellular dysfunction; and

Whereas, there is an approved treatment for Fabry disease that must reach people who know they have Fabry disease as well as thousands who have not yet been recognized and diagnosed. Fabry disease is severely under-recognized and misdiagnosed and when diagnosed, it is often too late after irreversible organ damage has already occurred. Increased physician and family education are critical to increase disease recognition; and

Whereas, the most common estimate of classic Fabry disease incidents are about 1 in 50,000 males. Twice as many females are potentially affected but with a random, more varied distribution of disease symptoms than classic males. Recent newborn screening studies in other countries and pilot programs in the United States suggest there are likely many more people with Fabry disease than current estimates indicate; and

Whereas, an enzyme assay test for males and molecular DNA test for females can confirm Fabry disease. Together, we can raise awareness to fight this tragic but treatable disorder;

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

"Fabry Disease Awareness Month"

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 25th day of February, 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

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