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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, colorectal cancer, which affects men and women equally is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and second most common cause of cancer deaths in the United States; and

Whereas, every three minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer and every 10 minutes, someone dies from colorectal cancer; and

Whereas, despite the staggering statistics, colon cancer is one of the most preventable, treatable, and beatable forms of cancer when detected early; and

Whereas, only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage. Wider use of proven screening methods would help considerably with early detection; and

Whereas, the survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent, but is only 10 percent when diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

Whereas, disparities exist regarding the likelihood of testing among Oklahoma's diverse ethnic groups, therefore we encourage widely disseminating educational materials regarding screening and health services; and

Whereas, observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month provides a special opportunity to offer information on the importance of early detection and screening;

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

"Colon Cancer 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.

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
GOVERNOR



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