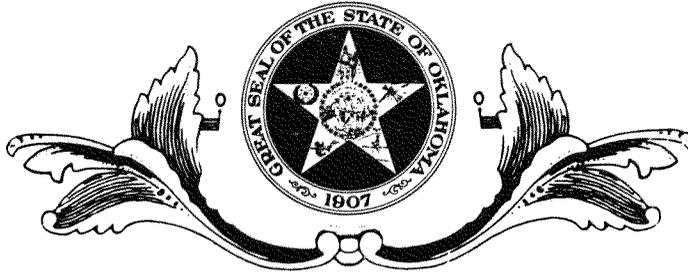


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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Proclamation

Whereas, as many as fifteen million Americans have food allergies; nearly six million are children under the age of eighteen; and

Whereas, research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children; and

Whereas, eight foods cause ninety percent of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat. Symptoms of a food allergic reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat; and

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergies result in more than three hundred thousand ambulatory care visits a year involving children under the age of eighteen. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

Whereas, there is no cure for food allergy; strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and

Whereas, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

Whereas, the state of Oklahoma join Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) is a national, nonprofit organization and other interested organizations in raising awareness of food allergies;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2014 as

"Food Allergy Awareness Week"

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 27th 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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