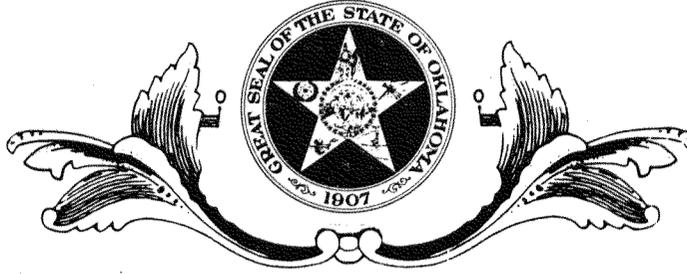


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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

Whereas, stroke occurs at a rate of one in twenty-seven hundred live births each year and twelve in one hundred thousand children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

Whereas, between fifty and eighty-five percent of infants and children who have a pediatric stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

Whereas, the lifelong health concerns and treatments made necessary by pediatric stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

Whereas, very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of pediatric stroke; the risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults and only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies be identified and developed; and

Whereas, an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence;

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

### "Pediatric Stroke 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

*C. L. Benz*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*

GOVERNOR

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