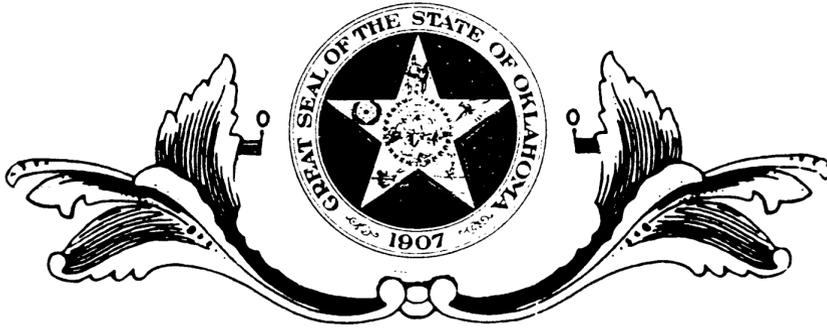


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, pain is a major public health problem and the number one reason Americans seek medical care; and

Whereas, the Institute of Medicine has found that one hundred million Americans live with chronic pain as a result of serious illnesses and injuries; and

Whereas, chronic pain costs the nation an estimated \$560 to \$630 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages, and lost productivity; and

Whereas, pain negatively impacts almost every aspect of people's lives including the ability to work, sleep, and engage in social activities, as well as adversely affecting the pain sufferers' families and caregivers; and

Whereas, the U. S. Pain Foundation's mission is to inform, empower, and advocate on behalf of our thirty-five thousand members throughout the country and everyone living with chronic pain; and

Whereas, the U. S. Pain Foundation provides education regarding pain management skills, constructive ways to cope with pain, and finding fulfillment in life; and

Whereas, increased awareness about the effects of chronic pain results in better outcomes, increased access to good pain care and empowerment, and validation for those living with pain;

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

"Pain 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.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 11th day of August, 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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