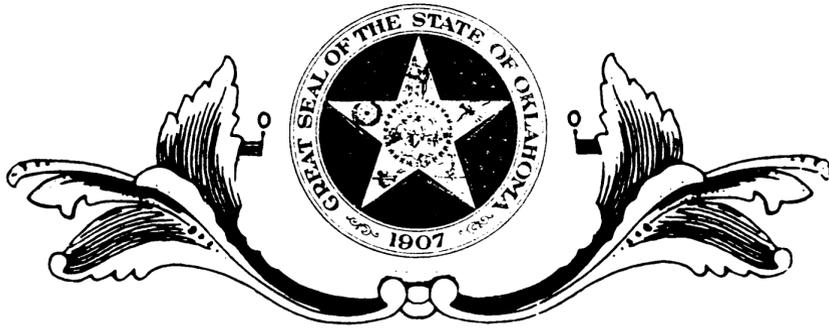


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

Whereas, program for the prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in Oklahoma and around the nation; and

Whereas, preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

Whereas, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

Whereas, in 2013, twenty-two million people, aged twelve years or older, received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and almost forty-four million adults, aged eighteen years or older, received mental health services, according to the 2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach out to the millions more who need help; and

Whereas, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the state of Oklahoma invite everyone to participate in National Recovery Month;

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

"Recovery 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 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.

Ch. Benz
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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