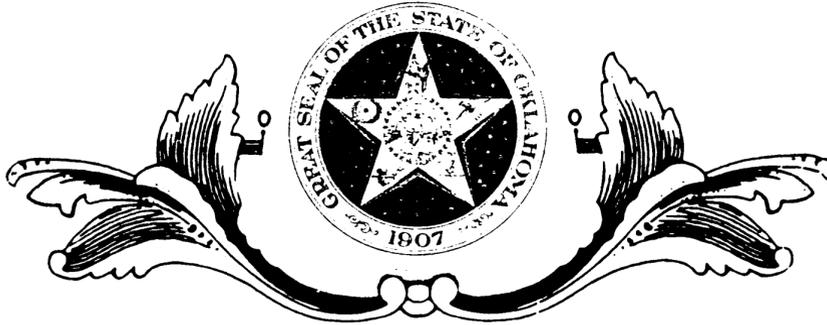


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma is home to more than half a million adults over age 65; and

Whereas, nearly 7,000 adults over age 65 are hospitalized from a fall each year in Oklahoma; and

Whereas, falls are the leading cause of injury death among adults over age 65, causing more than 350 deaths annually in Oklahoma; and

Whereas, hospitalization charges associated with fall injuries in adults over age 65 in Oklahoma total more than \$237 million annually; and

Whereas, falling, and fear of falling, can lead to loss of mobility and loss of functional independence; and

Whereas, injuries from falls are largely a preventable community health problem; and

Whereas, there is an array of proven effective practices to prevent falls; and

Whereas, preventing falls is important to preserving the quality of life of Oklahomans over age 65; and

Whereas, preventing falls is an important public health message for adults over age 65, families and caregivers and is worthy of support of all Oklahomans;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2014 as

“Older Adult Fall Prevention Awareness Day”

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 9th day of September, 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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Mary Fallin

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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