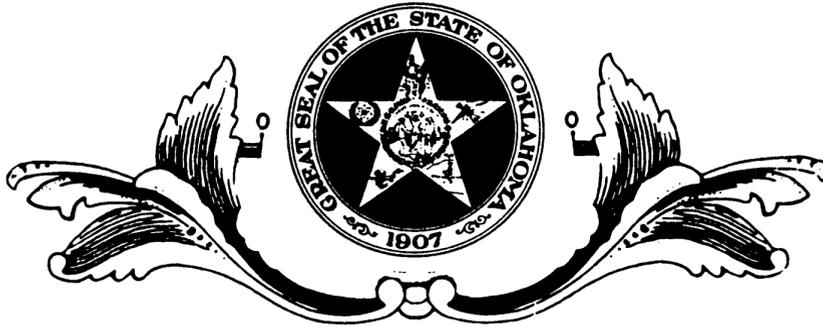


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## STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, affecting both genders equally, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths in the United States; and

**Whereas**, colon cancer can often be prevented, effectively treated, or cured through regular screenings and early detection, however only thirty-nine percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage; and

**Whereas**, the survival rate of individuals with early stage colorectal cancer is ninety percent but only ten percent when diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

**Whereas**, disparities exist regarding the likelihood of testing among Oklahoma's diverse ethnic groups; therefore, we encourage widely disseminating educational materials regarding colorectal cancer screening and health services; and

**Whereas**, observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month throughout March provides a special opportunity to offer information regarding the importance of early detection and screening;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin**, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim March 2015, as

**"Colorectal Cancer 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.*

*C. Benz*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

