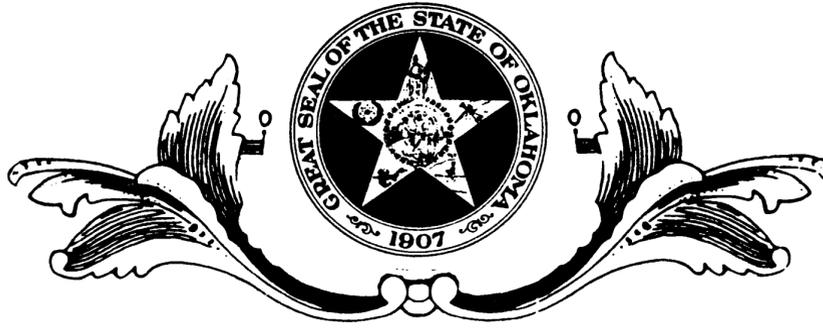


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

Whereas, a longtime advocate for access to healthcare, the March of Dimes Foundation is a pioneer in improving the health of infants, and women of childbearing age, by preventing birth defects, premature births and infant mortality; and

Whereas, in 2003, the March of Dimes launched a campaign to address the crisis of premature birth and help families have full-term, healthy babies. They authored the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early (PREEMIE) Act, which Congress has enacted; and

Whereas, the March of Dimes has set a goal of reducing preterm births to 9.6 percent in every state by 2020; and

Whereas, the March of Dimes sponsors numerous programs to support healthy pregnancies and infants, such as efforts to prevent early elective deliveries and the NICU Family Support program, and

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015, as

### “March of Dimes Day”

in the state of Oklahoma and urge our citizens to support efforts to give every child a healthy start in life.

*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 27<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.*

*Ch. Benz*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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