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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
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## STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, Dandy-Walker Syndrome is the most common congenital malformation of the cerebellum; and

**Whereas**, hydrocephalus is a buildup of fluid inside the skull, leading to brain swelling; and

**Whereas**, in 80 to 90 percent of individuals with Dandy-Walker Syndrome, signs and symptoms caused by abnormal brain development appear within the first year of life; and

**Whereas**, children with Dandy-Walker Syndrome can develop buildup of fluid in the brain (hydrocephalus) that causes increased head size (macrocephaly); and

**Whereas**, affected individuals typically have intellectual disability that ranges from mild to severe, although some have a normal intellect; and

**Whereas**, children with Dandy-Walker Syndrome often have delayed development, particularly delays in motor skills such as crawling, walking, and coordinating movements. Additionally, people with Dandy-Walker Syndrome frequently experience muscle stiffness and paralysis of the lower limbs (spastic paraplegia), and they may also have seizures; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting for our citizenry to learn about both Dandy-Walker Syndrome and hydrocephalus and to recognize and appreciate the achievements of Oklahomans with this disease and the special challenges encountered by those affected;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin**, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2015, as

**“Dandy-Walker and Hydrocephalus 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.*



ATTEST:

*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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

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