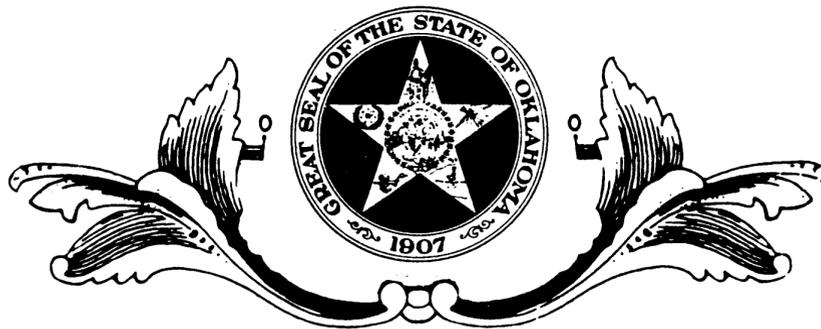


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, sexual violence is an affront to human dignity no matter where it occurs or the gender of the victim; and

Whereas, Oklahomans share a critical concern for victims of sexual assault and a desire to support their need for justice and healing; and

Whereas, victims of sexual violence face unique challenges due to stigma, fear, bias and the incredible difficulty of describing the details of such an attack; and

Whereas, knowing how to respond is key. A friend or family member is typically the first person in whom a victim confides after an assault and they can be the first step in a long path toward recovery and resolution; and

Whereas, if loved ones respond with doubt, shame, or blame, victims will suffer additional negative effects on their physical and psychological well-being; and

Whereas, Oklahoma realizes the importance of people from all communities working together to prevent sexual assault, support survivors, and hold perpetrators responsible for their actions;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2015, as

“Sexual Assault 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:

Christ Morris
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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