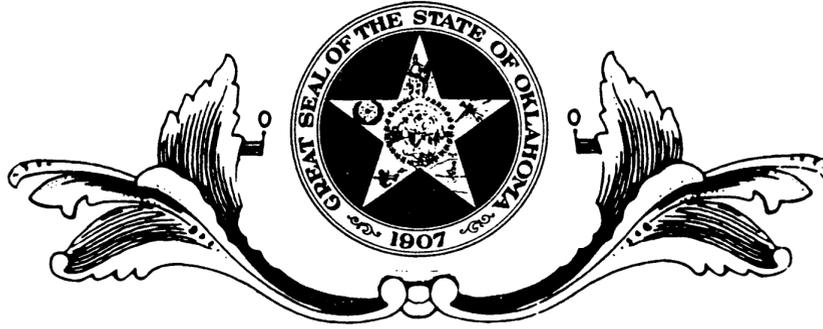


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, autism, is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people; and

WHEREAS, autism is a neurological disorder that interferes with the normal function of the human brain, and can affect anyone, regardless of ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, doctors, therapists, and educators can help people with autism overcome challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, appropriate education, intervention, and therapy are vital to future growth and development of those with autism; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to ensure that individuals living with autism have access to the lifelong care and services needed to achieve their greatest potential;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 1st – 8th, 2015, as

"Autism Awareness Week"

and April 2, 2015, as

"Autism Day"

in the state of Oklahoma and urge our citizens to learn about services, programs, and opportunities to support people with autism and their loved ones.

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 31st 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.

Ch. Benze
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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