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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASDs) is an umbrella term that describes the range of effects that can occur in a baby whose mother consumed alcohol during pregnancy; and

Whereas, prenatal alcohol exposure is the leading preventable cause of birth defects and intellectual and developmental disabilities and it is 100% avoidable if women abstain from drinking alcohol during pregnancy; and

Whereas, individuals with FASDs often have numerous problems, such as disrupted school experiences, juvenile delinquency, mental health and substance abuse issues, and higher rates of incarceration; and

Whereas, they are lifelong disorders, but with early detection and services, people with FASDs have better life outcomes; and

Whereas, women often do not recognize pregnancy until 4-6 weeks gestation, which contributes to the risk of alcohol exposure during the crucial early weeks of embryonic development; and

Whereas, the health of Oklahomans is enhanced by the efforts to educate about and prevent FASDs; and

Whereas, it is important to raise awareness, improve the plight of individuals and families who struggle with FASDs and remind everyone that a woman should abstain from consuming alcohol throughout her entire pregnancy; and

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2015, as

“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day”

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 24th day of June, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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