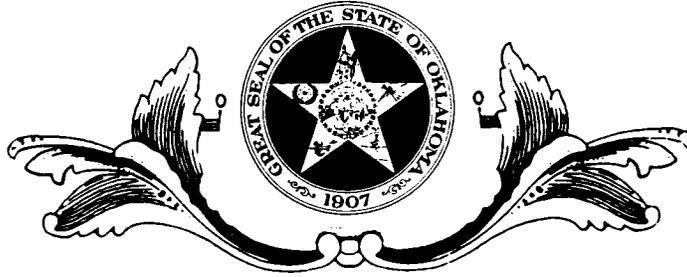


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections) or PANS (Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndromes) are serious, clinically diagnosed illnesses in children that display sudden, dramatic changes in personality exhibited as Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) together with accompanying symptoms following a strep, bacterial, or viral infection; and

Whereas, the OCD behavior of PANDAS/PANS can display itself as intense fear or anxiety; and

Whereas, accompanying symptoms may include tics, anxiety, depression, behavioral regression, deterioration in school performance, sensory sensitivities, severely restricted food intake, and more; and

Whereas, researchers have begun to substantiate that this syndrome involves a misdirected autoimmune process that affects or weakens the blood brain barrier; and

Whereas, treatment needs for PANDAS/PANS vary by child, but may include antibiotics, steroids, IVIG (intravenous immunoglobulin), plasmapheresis, cognitive behavioral therapy, and anti-inflammatory medications; and

Whereas, PANDAS/PANS is often misdiagnosed, undiagnosed, and undertreated due to a lack of awareness both by the public and even the medical community;

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

“PANDAS/PANS 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 26th day of August, 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

ATTEST:

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