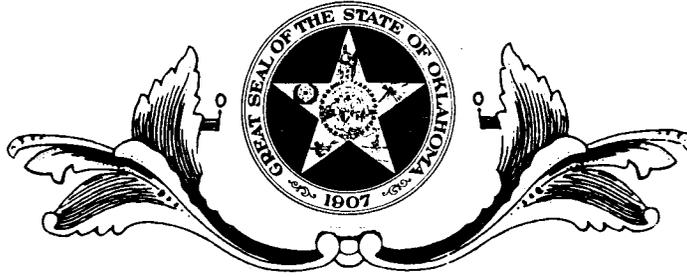


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, mental health helps to sustain an individual's thought processes, relationships, productivity and ability to adapt to change and face adversity; and

**Whereas**, one in five adults experiences a mental health problem in any given year and one in seventeen adults lives with mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia; and

**Whereas**, approximately one-half of chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14 and three-quarters by age 24; and

**Whereas**, early identification and treatment can make a difference in successful management of mental illness and recovery; and

**Whereas**, every day millions of Americans and their families live with or work to help those who are living with a mental illness; and

**Whereas**, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and stigma that for too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting help; and

**Whereas**, Mental Health Awareness Week is an opportunity to increase public understanding of the importance of mental health and to promote identification and treatment of mental illness;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim October 4 through October 10, 2015, as

### **"Mental Illness Awareness Week"**

in the state 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 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

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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