

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, more than 29 million Americans have diabetes and another 86 million Americans have pre-diabetes and are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes; and

Whereas, Oklahoma has a significant population of Native Americans, African Americans, Latinos and other citizens who have a predisposition toward diabetes, making Oklahomans at remarkably high risk for the disease; and

Whereas, diabetes can lead to an increased risk for heart attack or stroke, kidney failure, amputations, and advanced diabetic retinopathy, severe vision loss, as well as permanent nerve damage; and

Whereas, physicians, scientists and health educators at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center have committed their work toward enhanced diabetes prevention and treatment, and the creation of the Harold Hamm Oklahoma Diabetes Center with clinical, educational, and research components to address the complications diabetes poses to our state; and

Whereas, Oklahomans are encouraged to help fight this disease by increasing awareness of the risk factors for diabetes, making healthy lifestyle choices and providing support to those suffering from diabetes;

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

“Diabetes 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.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 24th 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

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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