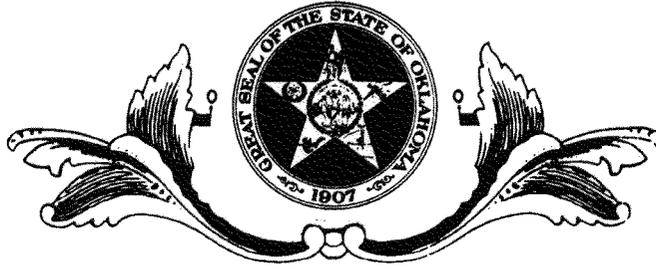


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, congenital heart defects (CHD) are the most common of all birth defects and the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths worldwide; and

**Whereas**, every year, forty thousand babies are born in the United States with CHD; and

**Whereas**, over one million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with CHD; and

**Whereas**, undiagnosed congenital heart conditions can cause sudden cardiac deaths in young people, especially athletes; and

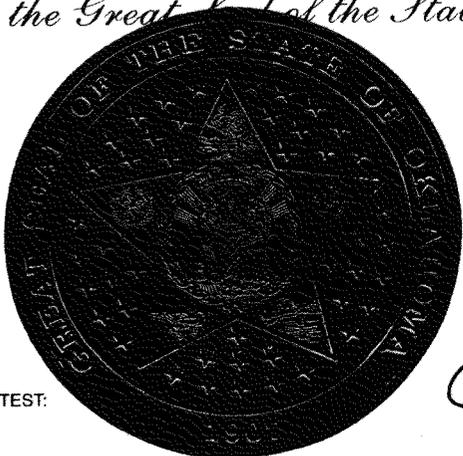
**Whereas**, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families, whose lives have been affected, to celebrate life and remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet people with similar issues and know they are not alone;

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim February 7<sup>th</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as

### **“Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week”**

in the state of Oklahoma, and encourage all citizens to increase awareness, knowledge and services for congenital heart defects which afflict hundreds of babies in our state, annually.

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and seventh year.*

*Ch. Range*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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