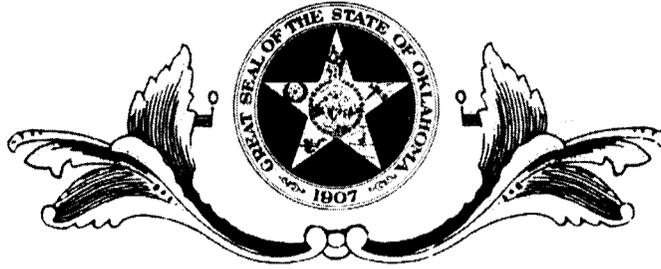


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STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, affecting both genders equally, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths in the United States; and

Whereas, the survival rate of individuals with early stage colorectal cancer is ninety percent but only ten percent when diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

Whereas, greater awareness of colorectal cancer, and the means to prevent it, could save numerous lives; and

Whereas, because disparities exist regarding the likelihood of testing among Oklahoma's diverse ethnic groups; therefore, we encourage widely disseminating educational materials regarding colorectal cancer screening and health services; and

Whereas, the national goal, established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, is eighty percent of Americans ages fifty and older be screened by the year 2018; and

Whereas, observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month provides an opportunity to offer information as to the importance of early detection and screening; and

Whereas, colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as

"Colorectal Cancer 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 17th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.

Ch. Benz
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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