

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, autism is a neurological disorder that interferes with the normal function of the human brain, and, can affect anyone, regardless of ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

**Whereas**, affecting more than three million people nationwide, autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States; and

**Whereas**, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of amalgamations and may result in substantial impairment of an individual's ability to learn and develop healthy and interactive behaviors; and

**Whereas**, although a cure for autism has yet to be discovered, persons stricken are encouraged to reach their greatest potential through accurate and early diagnosis combined with appropriate education, support, and intervention, all of which are essential to future growth and development; and

**Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim April 1 through April 8, 2016, as

### "Autism Awareness Week"

and April 2, 2016, as

### "World Autism Awareness Day"

in the state of Oklahoma and urge our citizens to celebrate the countless ways those living on the autism spectrum strengthen our communities and enrich our state.

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

*Ch. Benz*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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