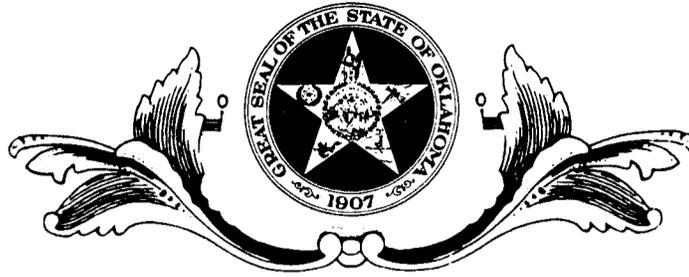


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, chronic hepatitis B (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) affects nearly 5 million Americans; and

**Whereas**, since the 1980s, the incidence of liver cancer has tripled and has quickly become a leading cause of cancer deaths worldwide, claiming more than 26,000 lives in the United States annually; and

**Whereas**, two hepatic viruses may not present symptoms of infection for many years, causing residents to forgo early screening that may allow the virus to manifest into liver disease; and

**Whereas**, research suggests patients who receive early treatment experience improved quality of life;

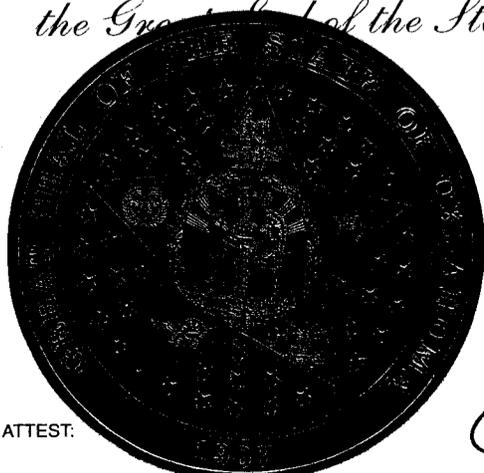
**Whereas**, raising awareness of viral hepatitis and urging our residents to contact their primary care provider, local health department, or community clinic in order to be tested can improve the health of affected Oklahomans;

**Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2016, as

### **"Hepatitis Testing Day"**

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.*

*Chris Benz*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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