

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is a genetic disorder that can lead to lung and liver disease; and

Whereas, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency is the most common genetic disorder for which liver transplants are performed in newborns; and

Whereas, Alpha-1 is a protein produced mostly in the liver, with the primary function of protecting the lungs from neutrophil elastase, an enzyme that if left unchecked can damage healthy lung tissue; and

Whereas, 1 in 37 people carry the gene for Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency; and

Whereas, 80,000 to 100,000 Americans are estimated to have severe Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency, and 20 million more are thought to be affected with a milder deficiency; and

Whereas, Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency was only identified in 1963 and is often misdiagnosed or under diagnosed; and

Whereas, increasing awareness and detection of this disorder is vital;

Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2016 as

"Alpha-1 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 27th day of June, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.



ATTEST:

Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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