

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, gastroschisis is a birth defect that causes the intestines to protrude from the abdomen; and

Whereas, in the United States, one out of every 2,229 people are born with gastroschisis; and

Whereas, many Americans living with gastroschisis have debilitating conditions, including slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long term feeding issues; and

Whereas, the causes of gastroschisis remain generally unknown, and more research is needed; and

Whereas, Avery's Angels works to support families experiencing gastroschisis and to fund further research; and

Whereas, Avery John Rauen, the son of the founder of Avery's Angels, passed away from gastroschisis complications on July 30, 2009; and

Whereas, Gastroschisis Awareness Day commemorates all those affected by gastroschisis;

Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2016, as

"Gastroschisis Awareness 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 28th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.

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ATTEST:

[Signature]
Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR