

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
OF STATE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, chronic pain is a broad, costly and growing issue in Oklahoma; and

**Whereas**, it has been estimated that 100 million Americans live with chronic pain as a result of serious illnesses and injuries; and

**Whereas**, chronic pain costs the nation an estimated \$560 to \$630 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages and lost productivity; and

**Whereas**, pain negatively impacts almost every aspect of a person's life including the ability to work, sleep and engage in social activities as well as adversely impacts pain sufferers' families and caregivers; and

**Whereas**, increased awareness of the effects of chronic pain will promote access to treatment and improve the quality of life for those suffering; and

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

**"Pain 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eightieth year.*

*Ch. Benge*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

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