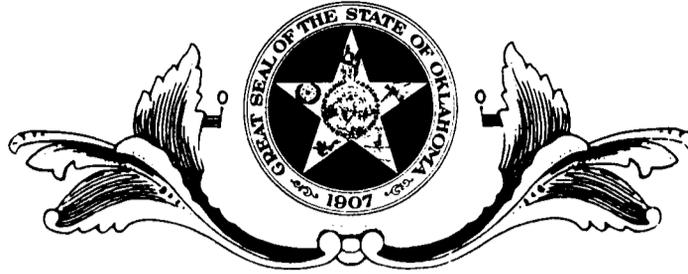


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, it is estimated that 53 percent of high school athletes have sustained a concussion; and

Whereas, because the frontal lobes of the human brain continue to develop until age 25, it is vital to manage youth concussions and other sports-related injuries carefully to ensure optimal neurological development; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Athletic Trainers' Association (OATA) has organized a Safety in Football Campaign to promote increased safety for our high school athletes; and

Whereas, the goal of the Safety in Football Campaign is to help football teams in Oklahoma identify ways to reduce the risks of injury to their players; and

Whereas, this Oklahoma-based, statewide campaign will encourage participating schools to speak publicly about the value of properly trained staff, how safety is a priority for every athlete and how coaches can mentor and teach player well-being and improve the safety of this beloved team sport; and

Whereas, as part of the campaign, each participating school will be provided with OATA helmet stickers that will bring awareness to this noteworthy cause;

Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 9 through September 17, 2016, as

"Safety in Football Campaign Days"

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 6th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.



ATTEST:

[Signature]
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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