

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections) or PANS (Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndromes) are serious, clinically diagnosed illnesses in children who display sudden, dramatic changes in personality exhibited as Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) together with accompanying symptoms following a bacterial or viral infection; and

Whereas, this syndrome may involve a misdirected autoimmune process that affects or weakens the blood-brain barrier, which irritates a region of the brain that manages functions such as movement, cognitive perception, habit, logic based thinking, emotions, and the endocrine system; and

Whereas, accompanying symptoms of sufferers may include tics, anxiety, depression, behavioral regression, deterioration in school performance, sensory sensitivities, severely restricted food intake and more; and

Whereas, treatment needs for PANDAS/PANS vary by child, but may include antibiotics, steroids, intravenous immunoglobulin, plasmapheresis, cognitive behavioral therapy or anti-inflammatory medications; and

Whereas, PANDAS/PANS is often misdiagnosed, undiagnosed or undertreated due to a lack of awareness;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2016, as

“PANDAS/PANS 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 15th 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.

Chin Bezge
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

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