

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, family caregivers greatly improve the quality of life for their loved ones; and

Whereas, Oklahoma has over 500,000 family caregivers who provide millions of hours of care to parents, spouses, minor children, adult children with developmental disabilities, grandchildren and other loved ones; and

Whereas, family caregivers often reduce, delay or prevent institutionalization, which decreases costs to our state's Medicaid system; and

Whereas, caregivers provide a broad range of assistance that is critical in supporting independence and self-sufficiency of the elderly, chronically ill or disabled; and

Whereas, this year's theme for National Family Caregiver Month is "Take Care to Give Care;" and

Whereas, respite services protect a family caregiver's own health, strengthen family relationships, prevent burnout and can enable a care recipient to stay at home up to three times longer;

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

"Family Caregivers Month"

in the state of Oklahoma and urge recognition of the invaluable efforts of those who provide care, support and a better quality of life for their family members.

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 24th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.

[Signature]

Mary Fallin

ATTEST:

Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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