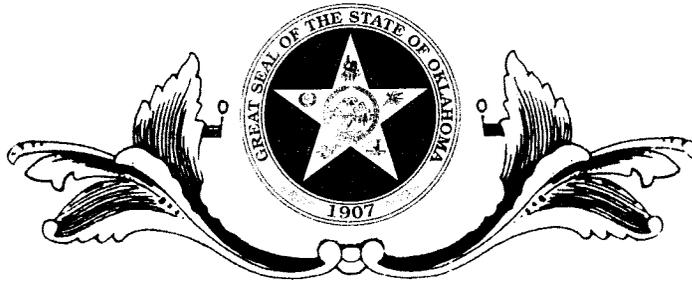


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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the Children's Craniofacial Association (CCA) began celebrating Craniofacial Acceptance Month in 2005 to bring awareness to the thousands of children born each year in the United States who are either born with or develop a craniofacial difference, which is a structural or physical anomaly of the head and/or face; and

Whereas, the most well known syndrome is a cleft lip which is seen in over 185,000 births a year worldwide (NIDCR.) Many more children are born with dozens of additional facial differences including Apert syndrome, Treacher Collins syndrome, facial palsy, and Craniosynostosis which is seen in over 1,500 births a year in the United States alone; and

Whereas, individuals with craniofacial differences and their families often struggle to understand the diagnosis they are facing and how to move forward in the early stages of diagnosis and families are often under emotional and financial strain due to demands resulting from ongoing and expensive medical treatment; and

Whereas, due to the complexity of craniofacial syndromes, the majority of affected individuals will often endure multiple surgeries before they reach adulthood; and

Whereas, there is a lack of education and information disseminated to the general public about individuals with facial differences; and

Whereas, organizations such as Children's Craniofacial Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, serve populations affected by craniofacial differences and the professions who care for them, giving hope to individuals and families affected by these facial differences while working towards the vision of a world where all people are accepted for who they are, not how they look; and

Whereas, we celebrate the 16th anniversary of Craniofacial Acceptance Month this year;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim September, 2020, as

"Craniofacial Acceptance 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.



ATTEST:

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this second day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and twelfth year.

[Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE

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GOVERNOR

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