

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, a longtime advocate for access to healthcare, the March of Dimes Foundation is a pioneer in improving the health of infants and women of childbearing age by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality; and

Whereas, the March of Dimes has set a national goal of reducing preterm births to 5.5 percent in every state by 2030, which will result in a healthier start in life for tens of thousands of infants; and

Whereas, Oklahoma's March of Dimes Foundation has worked extensively to reduce premature birth and promote healthy families and communities; and

Whereas, Oklahoma appreciates the March of Dimes efforts and its advocacy for the health of our children through research, education and community services;

Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2016, as

"Prematurity Awareness Day"

L

November 2016 as

"Prematurity 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 10th day of November, 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]

Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin

GOVERNOR

40145