

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are chronic inflammatory bowel diseases characterized by inflammation of the digestive, or gastrointestinal tract; and

Whereas, the damaging inflammation of Crohn's and colitis diseases cause abdominal pain, frequent diarrhea and other symptoms that vary from mild to severe; and

Whereas, Crohn's disease is a chronic, life-long disease that requires constant treatment, and while there is no known cure, there are many different medications available; and

Whereas, although the exact causes are unknown, researchers believe these diseases are caused by a combination of factors involving genetics, the environment and an overactive immune system; and

Whereas, Oklahoma supports advocacy work on behalf of Crohn's and colitis diseases and commends the dedication of health care professionals and biomedical researchers who care for inflammatory bowel disease patients and work tirelessly to advance basic, genetic and clinical research intended to develop new treatments and a cure;

Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim December 1 through December 7, 2016, as

"Crohn's and Colitis Diseases Awareness 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 28th 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:

Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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