

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation directed at a person or group of people; and

Whereas, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology; and

Whereas, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

Whereas, Oklahoma children and adolescents are potential targets of bullying in their everyday lives; and

Whereas, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems; and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

Whereas, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors;

Now, therefore, I, **Mary Fallin**, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim October 6th through October 12th, 2013 as

“Oklahoma Bullying Prevention Awareness Week”

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 21st day of August, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fifth year.

Mary Fallin

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Assistant

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

