

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, every 90 minutes, another Oklahoma child becomes a daily smoker, and

Whereas, tobacco use is Oklahoma's leading cause of preventable death, killing more than 6,200 Oklahomans each year, and

Whereas, secondhand smoke exposure causes cancer, cardiovascular disease and other chronic diseases; and

Whereas, smoking costs Oklahoma more than \$2 billion each year in medical costs and lost productivity; and

Whereas, costs to businesses for missed days of work and unproductive time at work for current smokers are estimated at \$4,430 per year, and

Whereas, smokers miss an average of over 50 percent more days of work due to sickness than nonsmokers; and

Whereas, reducing tobacco use aids economic development in Oklahoma through the creation of a healthier workforce; and

Whereas, local and state policies that encourage and support a tobacco-free lifestyle help to provide a positive example for children compatible with Oklahoma family values;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the week of January 29th through February 4th, 2012 as

"Tobacco-Free Oklahoma 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 Capital, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 19th day of January in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fourth year.

Mitchell R. Day
Assistant Secretary of State

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR



ATTEST: