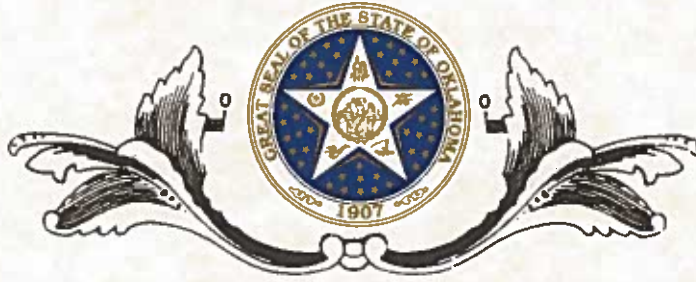


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, the safety of Oklahoma's children is of the utmost importance for the well-being of our families and communities; and

**Whereas**, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems, with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological, and behavioral disorders; and

**Whereas**, the majority of child abuse cases curtail from situations and conditions that are preventable when our communities are supportive, active and engaged; and

**Whereas**, individuals, businesses, schools, and faith-based and community organizations must make children a top priority, and take action to support the physical, social, emotional and educational development and competency of all children; and

**Whereas**, during the month of April, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, Prevent Child Abuse Oklahoma/Parent Promise, The Parent Child Center of Tulsa, and all Oklahoma Exchange Clubs in collaboration with their statewide partners will be engaging individuals and communities throughout Oklahoma in a coordinated effort to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting awareness of healthy child development, positive parenting practices, and the types of support families need within their communities; and

**Whereas**, Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families;

**Now, Therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor**, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

### **"Child Abuse Prevention 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eighteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and tenth year.*

*[Signature]*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST