

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, a brain injury is damage to the brain resulting from trauma, infection, anoxia, vascular lesions, or a tumor which temporarily or permanently impairs a person's physical, cognitive, or behavioral functions; and

Whereas, unintentional falls and motor vehicle crashes are the first and second leading causes of all traumatic brain injury related hospitalizations in Oklahoma; and

Whereas, on average 2,881 traumatic brain injury related inpatient hospitalization discharges occur annually in Oklahoma; and

Whereas, on average 977 traumatic brain injury deaths occur annually in Oklahoma; and

Whereas, many mild and moderate traumatic brain injuries go undiagnosed or untreated; and individuals and families lack the resources to properly address the consequences of these traumatic brain injuries across the lifespan of those affected; and

Whereas, public awareness of the consequences of brain injury is essential to understanding the overwhelming challenges faced by affected individuals and families, especially related to accessing essential rehabilitative services and supports;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

“Brain Injury 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 FIRST day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-three, and of the State of Oklahoma in the ONE-hundred and FIFTEENTH year.

Kevin Stitt
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR