

# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, IgA Nephropathy, also known as IgAN or Berger's disease, is a rare kidney disorder characterized by the buildup of immunoglobulin A (IgA), a protein that helps breakdown the normal filtering mechanisms in the kidneys; and

**Whereas**, IgAN can lead to blood in the urine (hematuria) and protein in the urine (proteinuria); and

**Whereas**, IgAN is one of the most common and undetected kidney diseases and is estimated to affect approximately 150,000 in the U.S.; and

**Whereas**, approximately 20-40% of individuals who have IgAN will develop end-stage kidney disease and need dialysis or kidney transplantation to survive; and

**Whereas**, IgA Nephropathy is twice as likely to appear in men as women, can occur at any age but most likely young adults in their 20s & 30s; and

**Whereas**, today there is hope on the horizon for IgA patients with over 30 clinical trials underway and newly approved treatment for rare kidney disease including IgAN;

**Whereas**, this day is designated to raise awareness of IgA Nephropathy, provide support to patients, and promotes the research needed to lead to better diagnosis and an eventual cure;

**Now Therefore**, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2023, as

### **"IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day"**

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 May, 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 P. Stitt*  
GOVERNOR