Whereas, Usher Syndrome is a relatively rare genetic disorder caused by a mutation in any one of at least 11 genes, resulting in a combination of hearing loss and visual impairment, and is a leading cause of combined deafness and blindness; and

Whereas, more than 400,000 people are affected by this genetic disorder worldwide, with as many as 25,000 of those in the United States; and

Whereas, there are three clinical types: Type 1, Type 2 and Type 3 – distinguished by the severity and age when the signs and symptoms appear; and

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma supports efforts to increase awareness about Usher Syndrome;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2021, as

"Usher Syndrome 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 9th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the State of Oklahoma in the one-hundred thirteenth year.

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR