

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018, AS THE KICKOFF OF "BUCKLE UP LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY" IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the Norman Police Department was selected by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to lead a seat belt safety demonstration project to increase occupant restraint use and reduce unrestrained fatalities by building partner and community support for seat belt enforcement, public information awareness, and education; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, "Buckle Up Like a Champion Today" will bring together partners and stakeholders to support the Norman Police Department to change the community's perceptions and acceptance of seat belt enforcement to assure the safety and security of the citizens of Norman; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the Norman Police Department and its community partners understand and respect the positive impact that increasing seat belt use can have on individuals, families, and the community and regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, nearly 12% of our citizens regularly drive or ride in motor vehicles on our roadways unbelted or fail to properly secure their children in child safety seats or booster seats; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, 60% of Norman respondents believe seat belt enforcement is a high priority and 70% believe that police in Norman should do more to encourage seat belt use; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, for 15 months, Norman PD will continue to enforce state occupant protection laws, enhance enforcement strategies and support activities with communications, education, and public outreach to reduce unbelted crashes, injuries, and safe lives, making seat belt use a habit for life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim Monday, April 16, 2018, as the kickoff of "Buckle Up Like a Champion Today" in the City of Norman and urge all citizens to always wear seat belts when driving or riding on our roadways.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

