

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE
MONTH OF APRIL, 2013, AS AUTISM AWARENESS
MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Autism is a life-long neurological disorder and current statistics show that one in 110 children have been diagnosed in the Autistic Spectrum; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Autism's prevalence rate now places it as the third most common developmental disability in the country and Autism can result in difficulties in communication, socialization, sensory perception, and behavior; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, these difficulties range from mild to severe; know no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries; and affect many young and old alike in the City of Norman and Cleveland County; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the majority of the public including many professionals in the medical, educational, and vocational fields, are still unaware of how autism affects people and how to effectively work with individuals with autism; and.
- § 5. WHEREAS, in the City of Norman there are several United Way agencies that work with adults with Autism including Council for Developmental Disabilities-Able Bodies Learning to Excel (ABLE), Among Friends, Full Circle Adult Day Care Center, and Transition House; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, there are approximately 235 Autistic children in the City of Norman and there are programs provided for these children by Norman Public Schools, the Early Foundations Program at Northhaven Church, and the Cleveland County Health Department's Sooner Start Program.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2013, as Autism Awareness Month in the City of Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of April, 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk