

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15
THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2014, AS HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Norman is home to people whose ancestry represents hundreds of nations, including the Caribbean, Mexico, Spain, and the Spanish-speaking countries of Central and South America; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, September 15th is the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16th and September 18th, respectively; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans represent an array of distinct and vibrant cultures and, throughout the history of Norman, the State of Oklahoma, and our country, have contributed to our prosperity and culture; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans share the dream of equality and boundless opportunity and have marched for social justice for all people and have helped advance Norman's, the State of Oklahoma's, and our country's journey toward a more perfect Union; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans contribute to and play a critical role in advancing the economic stability of Norman, the State of Oklahoma, and our country; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans serve as leaders throughout the public and private sector; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, the University of Oklahoma has a long and proud commitment to attracting students and scholars of Hispanic heritage and is home to several Latino student organizations; and
- § 9. WHEREAS, the City of Norman greatly values its relationship with its sister city, Colima, Mexico; and
- § 10. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is an inclusive community for all people of different ethnic, racial, and social backgrounds; and
- § 11. WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase awareness of and appreciation for Hispanic culture and diversity by paying tribute to the valuable and important contributions made by Hispanic Americans to our business, cultural, and education communities.

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

- § 12. Do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2014, as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating Hispanic culture, traditions, and achievements.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of September, 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

