

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2013, AS MARDI
GRAS IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the Norman Mardi Gras Parade is a years long, family friendly tradition celebrating the arts and community spirit with a nighttime moving carnival; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the Mardi Gras Parade showcases the depth of musical, artistic, acrobatic, dance, and sometimes unusual talents of our community, including our animal friends; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the colors of Mardi Gras are Purple for Justice, Green for Faith, and Gold for Power - the power of the arts and community spirit in the case of Norman's Mardi Gras; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, this year's theme of "Viva Le Bon Esprit! Long Live the Good Spirits!" calls on all citizens to celebrate life through community and creativity despite Winter Blues and to support those in need with the Spirit of Mardi Gras; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, Norman is home to Oklahoma's original Mardi Gras Parade and includes the Share Your Heart Food Drive which will accept donations during the parade and at the Children's Department of the Norman Public Library from January 16 through February 9 to help families through the Cleveland County Community Action Agency food pantry; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the 19th Annual Norman Mardi Gras Parade will take place on Saturday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. along Main Street in the heart of Norman's Historic Downtown Arts District and 10% of registration fees for each float will be donated to Food and Shelter for Friends.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 9, 2013, as Mardi Gras in the City of Norman and urge all citizens to support this event.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of January, 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk