

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, COMMENDING AND
EXTENDING RECOGNITION TO THE NORMAN POLICE
DEPARTMENT ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the Norman Police Department was formed in 1919 when the City of Norman was chartered; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the new police department shared office space with the fire department in a small building in the 100 block of North Peters Avenue and H.L. Sanderson was selected on September 14, 1919, as the first Chief of Police; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, in 1924, the department consisted of four officers and by 1936, the staff had increased to eight officers; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, by the mid-1930's, the department had one car operated 24 hours a day with three officers walking a foot beat in the downtown area on a twenty-four hour a day basis; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, in the summer of 1942, the United States Navy established a Naval Flight Training Center (which soon became Naval Air Station Norman) and a Naval Air Technical Training Center in Norman and during the war years and until the bases' deactivation, the Norman Police worked closely with Naval Shore Patrol; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, in 1995, the Police Department began the process of adopting Community Oriented Policing which centers around building partnerships between the police department and the citizens and merchants in the community because working together to discover solutions to problems and attaining resolutions through cooperation; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, in 2014, President Barack Obama, by executive order, created the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing and in 2019, the Norman Police Department incorporated the six pillars of 21st Century Policing into the Strategic Plan which are 1) Build Trust and Legitimacy; 2) Policy and Oversight; 3) Technology and Social Media; 4) Community Policing and Crime Reduction; 5) Training and Education; and 6) Officer Wellness and Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Norman commend and recognize the Norman Police Department on their 100th Anniversary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

