

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020, AS MALCOLM X DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Malcolm X was born on May 19, 1925, in Omaha, Nebraska; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Malcolm X came from a background of poverty, crime, and drug use and while serving a prison sentence, he was introduced to the study of history and philosophy; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, through his study of history and philosophy, he began advocating for economic and political independence, self-reliance, and self-defense; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, following a pilgrimage to Mecca in 1964, he was inspired to advocate for overcoming America's racial challenges by focusing on shared values and common beliefs instead of on each other's differences; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, through his dedication to continuing his education, Malcolm X became one of America's most dynamic African American leaders of the 1960s; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Malcolm X was assassinated for his beliefs in New York City in 1965 but remains a symbol of strength for his unrelenting commitment to justice, equality, and freedom.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 19, 2020, as Malcolm X Day in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating the diversity, character, and strength of our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

