

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2016, AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, in October, 1994, high school teacher Rodney Wilson founded Gay and Lesbian History month to celebrate and teach gay and lesbian history;
- § 2. WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) History month promotes the vital importance of recognizing the key contributions and integral role of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in federal, state, and local history;
- § 3. WHEREAS, state-wide advocacy groups such as Freedom Oklahoma, a nonprofit public education organization, work to secure full equality and legal protections for LGBTQ Oklahomans through public education, advocacy, coalition building, and individual empowerment;
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is home to several local equality advocacy groups, including, but not limited to, Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG); Norman United; and the University of Oklahoma Gender and Equality Center LGBTQ Program Advisory Board, who support LGBTQ families and allies, educate the community about the unique issues and challenges facing the LGBTQ community, and advocate for changed attitudes and the creation of policies and laws that achieve full equality for LGBTQ individuals; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman benefits from the many LGBT citizens who contribute to our community through the arts, education, business, science, politics, faith, health care, public service, and all other walks of life; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City of Norman continues to strive to become a more inclusive community providing all citizens the right to human dignity, justice, and opportunity to live life fully and achieve their aspirations.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2016, as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History Month in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating the diversity and character of our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

