

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 2 THROUGH 8, 2014, AS SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the climate of the State of Oklahoma is conducive to the development of natural and possibly man-made emergencies and disasters and since 2007 alone Oklahoma has received 32 presidential disaster declarations representing more than \$486 million in infrastructure damage and millions more in private property damage delivered by ice and snow storms, tornadoes, flooding, and other severe weather; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is adversely affected by such emergencies and disasters and it is vital that we further an awareness of the dangers of such disasters and the protective measures citizens can take in the event of such conditions; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the goal of Severe Weather Awareness Week is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies, and to encourage individuals to plan adequately for and respond effectively to such emergencies and disasters; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the citizens of Norman will join the State's citizens in embracing this valuable opportunity to learn ways we can prepare for an emergency and assist others in the event of a disaster of any size and duration; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the coordinated and participatory efforts of state, tribal and local governments, individual communities, private businesses and citizens are critical to the success and the protection of our state and city; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City of Norman recognizes the need of our citizens to be prepared, alert and aware of threats to our communities' security and safety; and

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the week of March 2 through 8, 2014, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in the City of Norman and encourage all citizens to seriously contemplate the state of their personal preparedness, strive to meet the challenge of increasing their self-reliance, and recognize the need to provide provisions for their families in case of any emergency.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of February, 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

