

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2018, AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, since its origin in 1926 as Black History Week, we as a nation, have paused to reflect on the many contributions of our African-American citizens that enrich our nation, state, and community; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, 2018's national theme, "African Americans in Times of War," commemorates the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918 and focuses on the roles of African Americans in every American war, recognizing the paradoxes of valor and defeat, civil rights opportunities and setbacks, struggles abroad and at home, artistic creativity and repression, and catastrophic loss of life and the righteous hope for peace; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the influence and accomplishments of African-American citizens have contributed to our community in all aspects of life, including the arts, education, business, religion, and sports and have continued to help make Norman a safe, thriving, and vibrant community; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City of Norman continues to strive to become a more inclusive community providing all citizens the right to human dignity, justice, and the opportunity to live life fully and achieve their aspirations; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the Norman Human Rights Commission continues to work to dispel prejudice and discrimination, and to advance fairness, mutual understanding, and appreciation for the worth of all people.

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

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2018, as Black 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

