

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016, AS
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FRIENDS OF THE POOR®
WALK DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is one of the largest and oldest charitable organizations in the world, working to provide assistance to the disadvantaged and to minister to the poor in our local community with respect and compassion; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the first St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor® Walk took place in 2008 to provide local St. Vincent de Paul organizations the framework to host an event that would raise funds to support local needs, and over the last eight years has raised \$260,578 for people in need in central Oklahoma; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the South Central District Friends of the Poor® Walk in Norman has no administrative fees, all funding is used locally to help individuals and families in Moore, Norman, and Purcell, without regard to faith tradition, ethnicity or country of origin, with utilities, rent assistance, temporary housing, food, clothing, household goods, and referral services with a priority of preventing homelessness by helping people maintain their residences and essential utilities such as water, electricity, and heat; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, last year, the South Central District of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul distributed \$335,109 in financial assistance and \$22,886 in in-kind goods and services to 13,604 people in need in central Oklahoma.

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

- § 5. Do hereby proclaim Saturday, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016, as St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor® Walk Day in the City of Norman and urge the citizens of Norman to attend and support the Walk to be held, rain or shine, at 9:00 a.m. at All Saints School, 4001 36th Avenue N.W.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

