

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15, 2016  
THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2016 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE  
MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Week started in 1968 and was expanded to cover a 30-day period from September 15-October 15 in 1988; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the 2016 Hispanic Heritage Month national theme, "Honoring our Heritage. Building our Future," celebrates and recognizes the contributions Hispanic Americans have made to American society and culture; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua celebrate the anniversary of their independence on September 15th; and Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16th and September 18th, respectively; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Norman is home to people whose ancestry represents hundreds of nations, including Mexico, Spain, and the Spanish-speaking countries of Central America, South America and the Caribbean; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage month is an opportunity to celebrate the array of distinct and vibrant cultures that, throughout the history of Norman, the State of Oklahoma, and our country, have contributed to our prosperity and culture while energizing our diversity; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, it is necessary to increase awareness of, and appreciation for, the valuable and important contributions made by Hispanic Americans to our business, cultural, and education communities.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2016, as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating Hispanic culture, traditions, and achievements.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2016.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

