

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, HONORING THE
2012 RECIPIENT OF THE CITIZENS HONOR
ROLL OF SERVICE.

- § 1. WHEREAS, City Council adopted the Citizens Recognition Policy on October 28, 2008, and wishes to acknowledge the leadership of its citizens on boards, commissions, and important civic projects; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the Citizen Honor Roll of Service is intended to honor an individual whose work benefits or has benefited the quality of life in Norman by building on and making the efforts of government richer and more successful; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, award recipients are to be recognized for their specific deeds, actions, or contributions to the Norman community through community involvement, community leadership, and/or noteworthy citizen actions; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Robert Ruiz was appointed to the Human Rights Commission in 2002 and served as its Vice-Chair in 2004 and as Chair from 2005 to 2007; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, Robert, as a community volunteer, was instrumental in founding the Hispanic Festival at the Norman Public Library which has become an annual event since 2004; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Robert is one of the founding organizers of the Norman Music Festival and has been integral in growing this multi-day event into a premier festival; and.
- § 7. WHEREAS, In 2005, in the wake of the fatal shooting of a 17-year old youth by a Norman Police Officer, Robert served as the City spokesperson and moderator of a dialogue that eased tensions and facilitated understanding of police-community relations within the City and his calm leadership allowed the City to defuse a potentially explosive situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. That Robert Ruiz is hereby named the 2012 Recipient of the Citizens Honor Roll of Service for his unfailing dedication and contributions to the citizens of Norman.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk