

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020, AS MALCOLM X DAY IN
THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Malcolm X was born on May 19, 1925, in Omaha, Nebraska; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Malcolm X came from a background of poverty, crime, and drug use and while serving a prison sentence, he was introduced to the study of history and philosophy and converted to Islam; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, ~~through his study of history and philosophy, he began~~ the teachings of Islam and Islamic thoughts and ideas prompted Malcolm X to advocate ~~ing~~ for social, economic, and political independence, justice, and self-reliance; and self-defense; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Malcolm X's following a pilgrimage to Mecca in 1964, he was inspired and the tenets of Islam inspired him to fight for social justice and ~~he was inspired and the tenets of Islam inspired him to~~ advocate for overcoming America's racial challenges by focusing on shared values and common beliefs instead of on each other's differences; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, through his dedication to his continuing his education and his commitment to his faith as a practicing Muslim, Malcolm X greatly contributed to uplifting Black Muslim communities in America and ~~became~~ became one of America's most dynamic African American leaders of the 1960s; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Malcolm X was assassinated for his beliefs in New York City in 1965 but remains a symbol of strength for his unrelenting commitment to justice, equality, and freedom.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 19, 2020, as Malcolm X Day in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating the diversity, character, and strength of our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ~~12th~~ 9th day of ~~May~~ June, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk