A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JULY, 2013, AS AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- §1. WHEREAS, physical and mental disabilities should in no way diminish a person's right to fully participate in all aspects of society and that individuals with disabilities should have equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency; and
- §2. WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities and provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and
- §3. WHEREAS, it has been officially recognized that "America is undeniably stronger because of the ADA and the contributions individuals with disabilities have made to every aspect of our society"; and
- §4. WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions and increasing full participation in community life; and
- §5. WHEREAS, the Cleveland County disABILITY Coalition was formed in 2012 to enhance the quality of life for persons with disabilities, to increase awareness of all disabilities, to identify community needs, and to develop solutions to those needs.

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

§ 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of July, 2013, as Americans with Disabilities Month in the City of Norman, Oklahoma, and invite all citizens to join me in recognizing the contributions of our citizens with disabilities and mobility impairments and in continuing the work necessary to achieve full mobility, inclusion, and participation in community life for these citizens.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of June, 2013.

ATTEST:	Mayor