

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE
MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2013, AS BLACK HISTORY
MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, since its origin in 1926 as Black History Week, we as a nation, have paused to reflect on the many contributions of our African-American citizens that enrich our nation, state, and community; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the year 2013 marks the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation; the 65th Anniversary of the United States Supreme Court order directing the State of Oklahoma to provide Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher with a legal education; and the 50th Anniversary of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom which has inspired many over the years with its timeless message of dignity, brotherhood, and justice, and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the influence and accomplishments of African-American citizens have contributed to our community, not only by the acclaim achieved in the arts, education, religion, commerce, sports, and other arenas, but who by their presence and participation in our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and places of worship help to make Norman a safe, thriving, vibrant community; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City of Norman continues to strive to become a more inclusive community providing all citizens the right to human dignity, justice, and opportunity to live life fully and achieve their aspirations; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the Norman Human Rights Commission continues to work to dispel prejudice and discrimination, and to advance fairness, mutual understanding and appreciation for the worth of all people.

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

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2013, as Black History Month in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating the diversity and character of our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of February, 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk