

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH
OF OCTOBER, 2012, AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the Women's Resource Center domestic violence program provided a safe place to stay for 328 women and children in Fiscal Year 2012, but they were forced to turn away 83 others due to lack of space; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, domestic violence is not confined to any specific group or people but affects people of all races, backgrounds, economic levels, education levels, family structures, ages, and religions; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates members of our community's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity in the form of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency, or community can eliminate domestic violence on their own, but we can work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent domestic violence, support victims/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victims/survivors; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, advocates, professionals, volunteers, and community members concerned with domestic violence will devote the month of October to raising awareness on the causes, interventions, and prevention of this devastating crime; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Norman's 2012 Domestic Violence Awareness Month campaign involves a community partnership which includes the Cleveland County Coordinated Response Team, Women's Resource Center, and the Norman Justice Alliance; reflecting the concern of domestic violence advocates, law enforcement, education, government, the faith community, and civic groups regarding this critical issue and its impact on Norman and its families; and

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2012, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Norman and reaffirm Norman's commitment to ending domestic violence in our community.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk