

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, COMMEMORATING SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020, AS THE 25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF THE ALFRED P. MURRAH FEDERAL BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN OKLAHOMA CITY.

- § 1. WHEREAS, on April 19, 1995, Americans’ perception of themselves and their institutions changed forever and brought together the people of our nation; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the resulting deaths of 168 people, some of whom were children, immediately touched thousands of family members whose lives will forever bear the scars of having had those precious to them taken away so brutally; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the responses of Oklahoma’s public servants and private citizens as well as those throughout the nation remain as a testament to the sense of unity, compassion, even heroism, that characterized the rescue and recovery following the bombing; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, there is a one hundred-year old English Elm tree across the street from the Murrah Building that survived the bombing named “The Survivor Tree” with an inscription that reads “The Spirit of this city and this nation will not be defeated; our deeply rooted faith sustains us”; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, several years ago the City of Norman obtained 25 seedlings from the Survivor Tree at the Oklahoma City Memorial and when those trees are ready, they will be planted at various locations in the City of Norman to continue to memorialize those who died or were affected by this tragic event.
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City of Norman has planted an English Elm Tree in Andrews Park to commemorate the 25th Anniversary and is planning a ceremony in the near future.

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

- § 7. Proclaim and commemorate Sunday, April 19, 2020, as the 25-Year Anniversary of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City and urge all citizens of the City of Norman to watch the virtual Remembrance Ceremony on April 19, 2020, and to observe the 168 seconds of silence in memory of the lives lost that day.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of April, 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

