

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING MONDAY,  
MARCH 28, 2016, AS J.D. MCCARTY CENTER  
APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, members of the 40 & 8, a veterans group, saw a need in 1946 to create a center to offer treatment for children with cerebral palsy; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the center, then known as the Cerebral Palsy Center, operated out of a building on the United States Navy Base formerly South Base in the City of Norman; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the center gained support to become a state agency in 1948 through enabling legislation sponsored by J.D. McCarty and State Senator Phil Smalley; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the center, now known as J.D. McCarty Center, began operating out of a new building at 1125 Alameda Street in 1952; then expanded again in 2004 to its current location at 2002 East Robinson Street; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the J.D. McCarty Center for children with developmental disabilities is now a pediatric rehabilitative hospital that specializes in the care and treatment of children with developmental disabilities from birth to age 21 and also provides medical care and physical, occupational, speech, and language therapy for children on an inpatient and outpatient basis; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the center is celebrating its 70th year of operation and has helped children from across Oklahoma maximize their potential and enhance their abilities, while also offering a positive environment where children and their families are encouraged and empowered.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim Monday, March 28, 2016, as J.D. McCarty Appreciation Day in the City of Norman and on behalf of City Council would like to extend our appreciation for the center's commitment to the citizens of Norman and the State of Oklahoma.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of March, 2016.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

