

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2020, AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, in October, 1994, high school teacher Rodney Wilson founded Gay and Lesbian History month to celebrate and teach gay and lesbian history; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) History month promotes the vital importance of recognizing the key contributions and integral role of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people in federal, state, and local history; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the City of Norman amended its Civil Rights Ordinance on August 27, 2019, to include express protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and marital status, including marriage to a person of the same sex, in order to provide greater protections to all residents and to continue building a more inclusive community; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is home to several local equality advocacy groups, including, but not limited to, Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG); Norman United; Norman Pride; and the University of Oklahoma Gender and Equality Center LGBTQ Program Advisory Board, who support LGBTQ families and allies, educate the community about the unique issues and challenges facing the LGBTQ community, and advocate for changed attitudes, policies, and laws that achieve full equality for LGBTQ individuals; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman benefits from the many LGBTQ citizens who contribute to our community through the arts, education, business, science, politics, faith, health care, public service, and all other walks of life; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City of Norman continues to strive to become a more inclusive community providing all citizens the right to human dignity, justice, and the opportunity to live life fully and achieve their aspirations.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2020, as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer 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 22nd day of September, 2020.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

