

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, COMMENDING AND EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO MARK HOWERY, BIOLOGIST FOR THE OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, FOR BEING HONORED BY THE OKLAHOMA BIOLOGICAL SURVEY WITH THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEWLY RECOGNIZED DRAGONFLY SUBSPECIES "THE HOWERY'S CLUBTAIL."

- § 1. WHEREAS, Mark Howery has worked as a wildlife biologist for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation for 28 years focusing on our state's rare, declining and endangered species along with common species that are not hunted or fished; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, he, along with his colleague, Michael A. Patten, received a grant in 2013 to conduct a three-year survey to determine the status, distribution and ecology of three springtime-emerging dragonflies considered to be of greatest conservation need, including the Ozark Clubtail; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, he was recently honored by Oklahoma Biological Survey staff by the naming of the newly recognized dragonfly subspecies as the Howery's Clubtail for his decades of dedication and contributions to conservation of nongame wildlife in the state of Oklahoma; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Mark is also a citizen volunteer for the City of Norman and has served at Chair of the Norman Animal Welfare Committee since 2005 and we appreciate his service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 5. That the Mayor and City Council congratulate Mark Howery for publication of his new book jointly written with Brenda Smith entitled "Dragonflies at a Biogeographical Crossroads, the Odonata of Oklahoma and Complexities Beyond its Borders" and commend and extend appreciation to Mark Howery for his contributions to conservation.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

