

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019, AS ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL FRIENDS OF THE POOR® WALK DAY
IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is one of the largest and oldest service organizations in the world with conferences throughout central and western Oklahoma, and whose members provide help to people in need without regard to race, ethnicity, country of origin, or faith tradition; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Oklahoma's first St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor® Walk took place in 2008 in Norman and now in their 12th year, is the only Friends of the Poor Walk in the State; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the South Central District Friends of the Poor® Walk in Norman has no administrative overhead or paid staff, all proceeds from the Walk are used locally throughout the year to help people in need, most of whom are families with children, seniors, the working poor, and persons with disabilities, with rent or utility assistance, furniture, household items, and referral services; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul partners with other local agencies such as Food and Shelter, including supporting one of the McKown Village cottages; and
- § 5. WHEREAS in 2018, the South Central District of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul assisted 9,093 people in south central Oklahoma with \$315,081 in rent and utility assistance and \$24,755 in donated furniture and household items.

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

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 29, as St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor® Walk Day in the City of Norman and urge the citizens of Norman to attend and support the Walk to be held, rain or shine, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More University Parish and Student Center, 1535 Jenkins Avenue, in Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of September, 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

