

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017, AS WORLD AIDS DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, more than three decades ago, the first known cases of HIV/AIDS sparked an epidemic in the United States with 78 million people developing HIV, resulting in the loss of 39 million people due to AIDS-related illnesses; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, in the United States, HIV and AIDS remain a major health crisis with nearly 1.2 million Americans living with HIV, and an estimated 50,000 new HIV diagnoses occurring each year; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, in Oklahoma, there have been 10,423 cumulative HIV/AIDS cases diagnosed and 5,954 Oklahomans are currently living with HIV/AIDS; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, 44 percent of people currently living with HIV/AIDS in Oklahoma are under the age of 29, highlighting the need for increased awareness among Oklahomans of all ages; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the response to HIV/AIDS should include destigmatizing the disease, continued medical advances, equitable, widespread access to HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and care; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Oklahomans are encouraged to educate themselves about the effects of HIV, know their HIV status through testing and practice prevention, seek care if living with HIV, and remove the stigma by demonstrating compassion and understanding for those living with HIV and AIDS.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim Friday, December 1, 2017, as World Aids Day in the City of Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of November, 2017.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

