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A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2014, AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the Women's Resource Center domestic violence program provided services and a safe place to stay for 1100 women and children in Fiscal Year 2014, but they were forced to turn away 65 others due to lack of space; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, domestic violence is not confined to any specific group or people but affects people of all races, backgrounds, economic levels, education levels, family structures, ages, and religions; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates members of our community's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity in the form of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency, or community can eliminate domestic violence on their own, but we can work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent domestic violence, support victims/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victims/survivors; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, advocates, professionals, volunteers, and community members concerned with domestic violence will devote the month of October to raising awareness on the causes, interventions, and prevention of this devastating crime; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the Wear Purple October 2014 Campaign calls upon Norman residents to wear purple every Thursday in the month of October to take a stand against domestic violence and show support for its many victims and their families, and includes a domestic violence; and

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

§ 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2014, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Norman and reaffirm Norman's commitment to ending domestic violence in our community.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of October, 2014.				
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