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A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2016, AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed in October, 1987, and has focused on the three themes of mourning those who have died because of domestic violence; celebrating those who have survived; and connecting those who work to end violence; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief and violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, various agencies in the City of Norman, including, but not limited to, the Women's Resource Center, Mary Abbott Children's House, the University of Oklahoma's Women and Gender Studies Program's Center for Social Justice, and the Norman Police Department work tirelessly to educate about domestic violence issues, advocate for survivors and their families, prevent domestic violence, and provide resources and options for survivors and their families.

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

- § 4. Do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2016, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Norman, recognize the important work done by domestic violence programs, and ask all citizens to participate in activities and programs to work toward improving victims' safety and hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable for all their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of September, 2016.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

