

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2020, AS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Autism affects more than three million people in the United States; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Autism is a neurological difference that can affect anyone regardless of ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the characteristics of Autism may provide challenges that can result in significant lifelong impairment in the quality of life of Autistic people unless serious societal efforts are made to understand and accommodate their needs; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, doctors, therapists and educators can help Autistic people overcome challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, in the City of Norman there are several United Way agencies that work with Autistic adults including Council for Developmental Disabilities-Able Bodies Learning to Excel (ABLE); Among Friends; Full Circle Adult Day Care Center; and Transition House; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Autism affects more than one in 59 children in the United States, and in Norman there are programs provided for Autistic children by Norman Public Schools; Autism Norman; Easter Seals; the Early Foundations Program at Northhaven Church; and the Cleveland County Health Department's Sooner Start Program.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2020, as Autism Acceptance Month in the City of Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of April, 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

