

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020, AS MALCOLM X DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Malcolm X was born on May 19, 1925, in Omaha, Nebraska; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Malcolm X came from a background of poverty, crime, and drug use and while serving a prison sentence, he was introduced to the study of history and philosophy and converted to Islam; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the teachings of Islam and Islamic thoughts and ideas prompted Malcolm X to advocate for social, economic, and political justice and self-reliance and self-defense; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Malcolm X's pilgrimage to Mecca in 1964 and the tenets of Islam inspired him to fight for social justice and advocate for overcoming America's racial challenges by focusing on shared values and common beliefs instead of on each other's differences; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, through his dedication to his continued education and his commitment to his faith as a practicing Muslim, Malcolm X greatly contributed to uplifting Black Muslim communities in America and became one of America's most dynamic African American leaders of the 1960s; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Malcolm X was assassinated for his beliefs in New York City in 1965 but remains a symbol of strength for his unrelenting commitment to justice, equality, and freedom.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 19, 2020, as Malcolm X Day in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating the diversity, character, and strength of our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

