

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2020, AS PAIN AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, chronic pain is a public health crisis affecting 50 million Americans; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, 19.6 million individuals live with high-impact pain or pain that significantly interferes with work and social and self-care activities; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, pain is the number one reason Americans seek out medical care and is the leading cause of long-term disability; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, chronic pain costs the nation an estimated \$635 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages, and lost productivity; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, increased awareness about the effects of chronic pain result in better outcomes, increased access to effective pain care, and empowerment and validation for those living with pain; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, a wide variety of Norman Allied Health Specialists work with patients in pain including those in radiology, physical therapy, chiropractic care, acupuncture, and psychological therapy; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, Norman is home to expert pain management physicians and advanced practice provider who diagnose and treat chronic and acute pain.
- § 8. WHEREAS, the U.S. Pain Foundation’s mission is to empower, educate, connect, and advocate for individuals living with chronic illness that causes pain, as well as their caregivers and clinicians; and

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

- § 9. Do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2020, as Pain Awareness Month in the City of Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of September, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

