

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, COMMENDING AND EXTENDING
RECOGNITION TO THE NORMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT ON
THEIR 125TH ANNIVERSARY.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the citizens of Norman recognized the need for effective fire protection in the early 1890's; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, fire protection began with an ordinance in 1893 that required each business in town to maintain at least one (1) barrel of water for firefighting; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, Norman suffered its first fire loss on January 27, 1894, when the Wilson Cottage on East Main Street burned; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, on April 17, 1894, the first Norman Fire Department was formed; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the new volunteer department had 33 members and G.W. Tackett was elected Fire Chief; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Pabst Brewing Company and Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company were asked to help fund the much-needed fire apparatus and each contributed \$200 to allow Norman to acquire the "Pabst Hook and Ladder Truck #1 with the motto "Victory" and the "Anheuser-Busch Hose Cart #1 with the motto "Get There"; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, the Norman Fire Department has changed quite a bit since those early days from a town site with 500 people to a city of 196 square miles, a population of approximately 115,000 people, and nine (9) fire stations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Norman commend and recognize the Norman Fire Department on their 125th Anniversary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

