

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH
OF AUGUST, 2018, AS BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS
MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is focused on the quality of life and well-being of families, health, and sustainable development and is actively promoting the health, quality of life, and well-being of its citizens; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the City of Norman has made a commitment to inclusion as a fundamental aspect of our community and it is the policy of the City of Norman that all citizens of this community should be provided with an opportunity to reach their full potential as human beings, without being inhibited by conditions relating to race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, age, place of birth, handicap, or familial status; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, more than 2,500 babies were born in Norman in 2017 and those mothers deserve the opportunity and support to nourish their children through whatever means they choose; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the Norman City Council acknowledges the health and economic benefit of a mother's choice to breastfeed which concludes that breastfeeding is an important contributor to infant health and provides a wide range of benefits for an infant's growth, immunity, and development; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, societal and workplace support are key factors to a mother's ability to breastfeed; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act amends the Fair Labor Standards Act to require employers to "provide a place other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from co-workers and the public, which may be used by an employee to express breast milk"; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, in 2004 the Oklahoma State Legislature passed House Bill 2012 stating "Mothers have the right to breastfeed anywhere they have a right to be"; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, the Norman City Council declares that the achievement of optimal infant and child health, growth and development requires protection and support for the practice of breastfeeding.

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

- § 9. Do hereby proclaim the month of August, 2018, as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in the City of Norman and affirm Council's strong support of a mother's choice to breastfeed, be it in the home, public places, or the workplace and the City's commitment to being an inclusive community for all mothers, including those that choose to breastfeed; and
- § 10. Encourage businesses and other community-based organizations to recognize the importance of allowing women the choice to breastfeed, provide break time and appropriate spaces for employees to breastfeed or express breast milk, and promote their businesses as "breastfeeding friendly" for both employees, customers, and Norman residents.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of August, 2018.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

