

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 1, 2018, AS WORLD AIDS DAY IN THE CITY
OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, World AIDS Day was founded in 1988 and takes place on December 1st of every year; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day, and its recognition provides an opportunity to increase awareness, unite in the fight against HIV, show support for people living with HIV, and to remember those who have died from an AIDS-related illness; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, 2018 is the 30th Anniversary of World AIDS Day, and this year's theme is "Know Your Status," which focuses upon the improvement needed to reach the one in seven people in the U.S. currently living with HIV who do not know their status so that they can be linked to quality care and prevention services; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, HIV testing is essential for expanding treatment and ensuring that all people living with HIV can lead healthy and productive lives; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, many barriers to HIV testing remain, including stigma, discrimination, and access to confidential testing, which often deter people from being tested; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, self-testing, community-based testing, and multi-disease testing are some of the many new ways of expanding access and helping people know their HIV status; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, World AIDS Day helps raise awareness about the importance of knowing one's status and working toward removal of all barriers to accessible HIV testing.

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

- § 8. Do hereby proclaim Sunday, December 1, 2018, as World AIDS Day in the City of Norman and encourage all citizens to work toward increasing awareness and promoting accessible testing.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of November, 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

