

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2020, AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, since its origin in 1926 as Black History Week, we have paused to reflect on the many contributions of our African-American citizens that enrich our nation, state, and community; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, 2020's national theme, "African Americans and the Vote," commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of the Fifteenth and Nineteenth Amendments granting the right to vote to black men in 1870 and women in 1919, respectively, and celebrates the rise of black elected and appointed officials, increasing leadership roles of African Americans in political parties, and ongoing campaigns for equal rights legislation; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the influence and accomplishments of African-American citizens have contributed to our community in all aspects of life and have continued to help make Norman a safe, thriving, and vibrant community; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City of Norman continues to strive to become a more inclusive community providing all residents the right to human dignity, justice, and the opportunity to live life fully and achieve their aspirations; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the Norman Human Rights Commission continues to work to dispel prejudice and discrimination, and to advance fairness, mutual understanding, and appreciation for the worth of all people.

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

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2020, as Black History Month in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating the diversity and character of our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

