

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA,
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2022, AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE
CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, since its origin in 1926 by the “Father of Black History” Dr. Carter G. Woodson in his pursuit to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization, Black History Week began and evolved into Black History Month; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, 2022’s national theme, “Black Health and Wellness,” recognizes the reality and problem of health and wellness for African-Americans traces back centuries. Where medical facilities were nonexistent or understaffed, homemade remedies passed through ancestors played a key role in healing, and still do today; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, we acknowledge the legacy of black scholars, medical practitioners, leaders, and allies whose self-determination to desegregate hospitals was realized through the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, today, the Black community is still most vulnerable. However, initiatives to build hospitals and community clinics, have more diverse health practitioners, and serve the Black community are growing; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, in Norman, we are grateful to have various community clinics and a hospital system which embraces diversity through direct policies, resources, and action, including the Inclusion and Diversity Council which was established in 2020 and is active within the hospital system and the Norman community; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the Alliance of Black Employees, a City of Norman Employee Resource Group, established in 2021 also provides support and representation to the Black community in Norman, while providing non-black communities an opportunity to learn the Black experience to better understand diverse perspectives; and
- § 7. 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:

- § 8. Do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2022, 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 8th day of February, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk