A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JULY 2022 AS LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH AND THE WEEK OF JULY 25TH AS LOVE YOUR LAKE WEEK IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- 1. WHEREAS, Oklahoma's landscape is home to more than 200 lakes and reservoirs, with more miles of shoreline than the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean shorelines combined; and
- 2. WHEREAS, these bodies of water are among Oklahoma's most valuable natural resources; and
- 3. WHEREAS, Oklahoma lakes and reservoirs and their beneficial uses play an important role in Oklahoma's history, growth, and financial well-being; and
- WHEREAS, Lake Thunderbird provides a large source of fresh water for drinking water, irrigation, energy, recreation, scenic beauty, and habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS, Oklahoma's lakes and reservoirs improve the quality of life for our residents and it is crucial to protect them for future generations; and
- 6. WHEREAS, the Lake Thunderbird Watershed Alliance (LTWA) was established in 2020 to work collaboratively with residents, communities and other stakeholders to protect the water quality and quantity of Lake Thunderbird; and
- 7. § WHEREAS, LTWA is working in cooperation with a wide variety of partners including Lake Thunderbird State Park, Thunderbird Sailing Club, the City of Norman, and other surrounding cities to educate the public about the lake and its watershed.

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

§ Do hereby proclaim the month of July 2022 as Lakes Appreciation Month and the week of July 25th as Love Your Lake Week in the City of Norman, Oklahoma, and invite all citizens to join me in this special observance.

PASSEI	D AND APPROVED this 12th	day of July, 2022.	
	ATTEST:	Mayor	
	City Clerk		