



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 03/22/2022

**REQUESTER:** Michele Loudenback, Environmental and Sustainability Manager

**PRESENTER:** Michele Loudenback, Environmental and Sustainability Manager

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2122-87: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AWARDED THE INAUGURAL JAMES O. HARP ENVIRONMENTAL RECOGNITION AWARD, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NORMAN ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD.

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**BACKGROUND:** The Norman Environmental Control Advisory Board (ECAB) created the James O. Harp Environmental Recognition Award at their November 17, 2021, Board meeting in order to recognize exceptional environmental volunteerism that occurs throughout the City of Norman by Norman residents. During their January 19, 2022, they unanimously decided to present the inaugural award to its namesake, James O. Harp, posthumously.

**DISCUSSION:** James O. Harp had a passion for helping his community and actively volunteered for many Norman civic groups, including ECAB. Mr. Harp served on the ECAB Board for ten years, beginning in November 2011 and championed recycling, with an ultimate goal of finding a way to provide recycling services to the Norman business community. Though this goal has not yet been met, effort is still underway to find a plausible path to it. This is in part due to his dedication to the cause.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends adoption of Resolution R-2122-87 and awarding Mr. Harp the inaugural James O. Harp Environmental Recognition Award.