

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026, 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 Americans' contributions to civilization, Black History Week began and evolved into Black History Month; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the year 2026 represents a significant national milestone, marking 100 years since the federal recognition of Black Americans and reflecting a legacy of progress, resilience, and continued pursuit of equity in the United States; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the 2026 national theme, "*A Century of Black History Commemorations*," highlights the enduring tradition of recognizing, preserving, and celebrating Black history through organized national observances over the past century; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the Urban League of Greater Oklahoma City continues to be a principal advocate to offer the total community of Oklahoma with systems that provide opportunities for workforce and career development for over 75 years; and
- § 5. 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
- § 6. WHEREAS, the Norman Human Rights Commission continues to work to dispel prejudice, advance fairness, mutual understanding, and appreciation for the worth of all people.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2026, as Black History Month in the City of Norman and encourage residents to observe the month through education, reflection, and civic engagement.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of February, 2026.

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

City Clerk