

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING
THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2026, AS NATIVE
AMERICAN/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' HERITAGE
MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, in 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating the month of November "National American Indian Heritage Month" in recognition and honor of the 574 American Indian tribal nations and their contributions to the identity and development of the United States; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, this designated month is a time to acknowledge, celebrate, and honor the rich, diverse histories, cultures, traditions, presence and contributions of the State of Oklahoma's 39 federally recognized tribes and their tribal citizens; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, Oklahoma's very name is derived from the Choctaw words *okla* meaning "people" and *humma* meaning "red," symbolizing the enduring presence and influence of Native American and Indigenous peoples in this land; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is a supportive neighbor to the Absentee Shawnee, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Kickapoo, Chickasaw, Sac and Fox, and Seminole Tribes/Nations; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman, its citizens, and visitors, has/have unique and special circumstances and opportunities for learning about Oklahoma American Indian/Indigenous Peoples' presence with its wealth of resources through the neighboring aforementioned tribal nations, The University of Oklahoma's Native American Studies Department, Native Nations' Center, Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, American Indian Institute, and the OU American Indian Programs and Services, among others.

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

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim November 2026, as Native American/Indigenous Peoples' Heritage Month, and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring the cultures, histories, and contributions of Native American and Indigenous peoples from the past, in the present, and for the future.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of October 2026.

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

City Clerk

