

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN,  
OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING MARCH 18, 2023, AS PUBLIC  
TRANSIT PROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF  
NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, public transit benefits everyone in the City of Norman by reducing traffic and parking congestion, improving air quality and making our city more equitable and accessible to all by getting people where they need to go, from work and school, to medical appointments, grocery stores, and other essential services; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, both City of Norman and EMBARK public transit professionals manage a fleet of vehicles each day, maintain on-time route performance, assist residents in understanding and using the transit system, and play an integral role in economic development and driving the community of Norman forward; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the duty of an EMBARK Norman Bus Operator is to safely maneuver transit vehicles through unpredictable traffic, tough weather conditions and very tight spaces, while exercising caution and following the laws of the road to maximize the safety of their passengers and serving as upstanding examples of safety, courtesy, discipline, and effective communication as they perform their duties each day; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, City of Norman Fleet-Transit maintenance staff provide expertise in the preventative maintenance and upkeep of a fleet of buses, vans, and shuttles for the safety of customers, visitors and the community; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the EMBARK support staff provide excellence in customer service, dispatch, vehicle cleaning/fueling, and ensure the integral role of public transit to the transportation of residents and visitors of the city; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, City of Norman Transit administrative staff work diligently on improvements to the City's transit system including vehicle procurement, grant management, and service changes; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, City of Norman public transit vehicles travel in excess of 400,000 miles and facilitate more than 250,000 passenger trips annually in Norman.

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

- § 8. Do hereby proclaim Saturday March 18, 2023, as Public Transit Professional Appreciation Day in the City of Norman Invite members of the public to share their appreciation for these professionals as they make use of EMBARK Norman services.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

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Larry Heikkila, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Hall, City Clerk

