

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026, AS NATIONAL BULLYING
PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, National Bullying Prevention Month was established in 2006 by the Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights (PACER's) National Bullying Prevention Center to raise awareness about bullying among youth and to inspire communities to take action; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including physical intimidation, verbal harassment, social exclusion, and cyberbullying, all of which can cause long-term emotional, psychological, and even physical harm; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, every child deserves to be treated with dignity, respect, and compassion, and bullying is a serious, harmful behavior that affects 1 in 3 students each year from reported incidents; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, The State of Oklahoma and Norman Public Schools are committed to safe, respectful learning environments free from bullying in any form, including cyberbullying, and strictly prohibit harassment based on race, disability, gender, or other personal traits; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, preventing bullying requires the commitment of all to speak out, support one another, and create inclusive environments where respect and kindness are the norm.

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

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of October 2026, as National Bullying Prevention Month in the City of Norman and urge all residents to stand united against bullying in all its forms. Let us commit to fostering empathy, promoting open dialogue, supporting those affected, and holding individuals and institutions accountable for creating safe, respectful spaces for our youth.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of September 2026.

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

City Clerk

