A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE IMPORTANCE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION IN THE CITY OF NORMAN IN HONOR OF ZACH HARRINGTON.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is committed to building a community which celebrates and values resources to create stronger support networks which combat suicide; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the City of Norman recognizes that discrimination, bullying, and stigmatism can create environments of added grief and isolation; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth are more than four times as likely to attempt suicide than their peers; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, suicide is the second leading cause of death among people aged 10-14 and the third leading cause of death among people aged 15-24 in the United States; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman counts on organizations such as Norman PFLAG, a chapter of the national organization which has been in place since 1972 and provides support to members of the LGBTQ+ community and their families and friends to create a pathway for better understanding and safety;

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

§ 6. Do hereby proclaim the importance of suicide prevention in honor of Mr. Zach Harrington and remind our city of the loss and lesson Mr. Zach Harrington taught us.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of October, 2022.

ATTEST:	Mayor
City Clerk	

