

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN,  
OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023, AS  
LEADERSHIP OKLAHOMA DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Leadership Oklahoma exists to educate leaders across the State of Oklahoma on critical issues facing its communities, with their mission being to create, inspire, and support its member leaders whose commitment to service and excellence energizes them to positively shape our future; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Leadership Oklahoma's signature initiative is an annual 10-month program that takes class members deep into the state's inner workings and everywhere across the state, from the great plains of the panhandle to the hardwood forests and pine-covered mountains of southeastern Oklahoma; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, participants become familiar with the social and environmental complexities that afflict Oklahoma, including sovereignty, tourism, criminal justice, state government, education, economic development, military issues, agriculture, and energy; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, discussions with state leaders deepen participants' understanding of the opportunities, needs, issues, and resources inherently available in the wide range of Oklahoma industries. This in turn stimulates collective problem solving for the greater good of the Sooner State; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, a dynamic network of Oklahomans is powerful enough to make a difference and provide hope for the future by working together to make our state a better place to live and work. As class members navigate the program, their perspectives shift as they learn first-hand the nuances of the issues. Given the amount and quality of time spent together, strong bonds are formed as well as a natural, living network with an underlying impetus to move our state forward; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the program also works to develop the next generation of leaders through sister programs such as their Youth Leadership program, which is available to High School Juniors, and exists to strengthen efforts to retain Oklahoma's most valuable asset, its youth; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, Leadership Oklahoma has nearly forty years of cultivating Oklahomans to become leaders in their communities and across the state.

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

- § 8. Do hereby wish to commend the Leadership Oklahoma program for their years of continued service to improving our state, and proclaim April 27, 2023, as Leadership Oklahoma Day in the City of Norman and encourage all citizens to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of those who serve this impactful program.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

