## A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JULY 2025, AS DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, July is recognized across the United States as National Disability Pride Month, a time to honor the history, achievements, experiences, and struggles of the disability community; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, approximately 61 million adults and 14.5 million children in the United States have a disability; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, this month marks a historic milestone the 35th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990, by then-President George H.W. Bush; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the ADA is the nation's most comprehensive civil rights law addressing the needs of people with disabilities, prohibiting discrimination in employment, education, transportation, public accommodations, and access to state and local government programs; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the passage of the ADA was the result of tireless advocacy and courageous action by disability rights activists, and remains a living testament to the enduring principle that all people deserve equal access, opportunity, and dignity; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, established in 2019 by the City of Norman, the ADA Citizen's Advisory Committee has remained dedicated to serving as a continuous resource on matters impacting individuals with disabilities within the city through personal and/or professional viewpoints; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is proud to have organizations such as SunHive Collective, ABLE, Among Friends, Thunderbird Clubhouse, and others who are dedicated to supporting individuals with disabilities.

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

§ 8. Do hereby proclaim July 2025, as Disability Pride Month in the City of Norman and encourage all residents to celebrate the countless talents, experiences, and contributions of individuals with disabilities as part of their identity and strength, and to reaffirm our commitment to taking meaningful action to build a city that is inclusive to all.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025.

ATTEST:

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

City Clerk

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Proclamation