

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF
MARCH, 2022, AS IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN
THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the City of Norman recognizes the value an inclusive community creates and Irish immigrants arrived to our nation driven by determination and dreams; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, based on Census data, more than 31.5 million or 9.7% of Americans claim Irish ancestry; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, reports show Cleveland County has a population of 11.1% Irish ancestry; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the earliest Irish settlers in Oklahoma arrived in the early 1800's and endured hardships, persecution, and famine; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, it was through solidarity, the Choctaw Nation helped the people of Ireland come through the hardships, so much that Ireland's president, Mary Robinson, visited Durant in 1995 to thank the Choctaw people for their help more than a century before; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, today we celebrate Irish culture through green shamrocks, music, River Dance, pubs and food; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City of Norman believes in the characteristics of inclusivity, hard work, solidarity, and the ability of communities to rise;

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2022, as Irish-American Heritage Month in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of February, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk