A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAMING SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2025, AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Week started in 1968 by President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan to cover a 30-day period from September 15 through October 15 in 1988; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua celebrate the anniversary of their independence on September 15th, and Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16th and September 18th, respectively, and Dia de la Raza on October 12th; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the 2025 Hispanic Heritage Month national theme, "Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future," is an opportunity to recognize and learn about the history, journeys, and achievements of Hispanic and Latin American communities while spotlighting the unique voices of those who continue to pioneer change and shape the future; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Norman is home to people whose ancestry represents hundreds of nations, including Mexico, Spain, and the Spanish-speaking countries of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage month is an opportunity to celebrate the array of distinct and vibrant cultures that, throughout the history of Norman, the State of Oklahoma, and our country, have contributed to our prosperity and culture while energizing our diversity.

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

§ 6. Do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating Hispanic culture, traditions, and achievements in our community while continuing to work towards a more inclusive community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of September, 2025.

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

