

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2024, AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, since its origin in 1926 by the “Father of Black History”, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, in his pursuit to raise awareness of African Americans’ contributions to civilization, Black History Week began and evolved into Black History Month; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, 2024's national theme, “African Americans in the Arts” In the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary arts, and other forms of cultural expression; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the Black Liberated Arts Center in Oklahoma City is using art and history to provide the total community of Oklahoma with an exposure to the African, African /Black culture with emphasis on educating Oklahoma’s youth is celebrating 50 years of community service; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, nationally, the National Black Arts Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia is celebrating 35 years of providing quality artistic and educational programs that support the arts and artist of African descent and is a champion of equality through the arts; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the Alliance of Black Employees, a City of Norman Employee Resource Group, established in 2021, also provides support and representation to the Black community in Norman, while providing non-Black communities an opportunity to learn the Black experience to better understand diverse perspectives; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the Norman Human Rights Commission continues to work to dispel prejudice and discrimination, and to advance fairness, mutual understanding, and appreciation for the worth of all people.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2024, as Black History Month in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating the diversity and character of our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of January, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

