

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK
OF APRIL 9 THROUGH 15, 2023, AS NATIONAL
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK
IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week is celebrated every second full week of April and is endorsed by the National Animal Care and Control Association; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Animal services are a key component of the City of Norman's quality of life, health, and safety; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, Animal Welfare Officers respond to calls of stray animals and deceased animals on our city streets; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Animal Welfare Officers seek justice in cases of abused, neglected, and abandoned animals; conduct humane investigations and bring helpless animals to safety; and protect animals from abusers and people from dangerous animals; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, Animal Welfare Officers encounter sick, lost, aggressive, and injured animals on a daily basis and work on public safety issues, perform bite investigations, and rabies prevention activities; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Animal Welfare Officers educate the community on how to better care for their pets and offer resources for struggling citizens whose pets are a vital part of their families; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, every Animal Welfare Officer has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of his or her daily job duties and understands the importance of keeping pets and people together.
- § 8. WHEREAS, Animal Welfare Officers constantly struggle with emotionally and physically challenging situations in a profession that demands concentration, stamina, endurance, and a clear mind and dedicate their careers to protecting the welfare of vulnerable and helpless animals that have been rescued from injury, disease, and starvation.

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

- § 9 Do hereby proclaim the week of April 9 through 15, 2023, as Animal Control Appreciation Week in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep Norman's citizens and animals safe.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of March, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

