

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN,
OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2025, AS
LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER
HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, October is recognized nationally as LGBTQ+ History Month, a time to honor the histories, struggles, and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other sexual and gender diverse individuals; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, in 1994, Rodney Wilson, a high school teacher in Missouri, became the first openly gay public-school teacher in the state and proposed the idea for a dedicated month to recognize LGBTQ+ history and to celebrate the often-overlooked achievements and contributions across all areas of society; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the month of October was chosen in part because it includes October 11th which is National Coming Out Day (NCOD) to commemorate the anniversary of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City of Norman amended its Civil Rights Ordinance on August 27, 2019, to include express protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and marital status, including marriage to a person of the same sex, to provide greater protections to all residents and to continue building a more inclusive community; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is home to several local equality advocacy groups, including, but not limited to, Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG); Norman United; Norman Pride; and the Queer Student Association (QSA), who support LGBTQ+ families and allies, educate the community about the unique issues and challenges facing the LGBTQ+ community, and advocate for changed attitudes and laws that achieve full equality for LGBTQ+ individuals.

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

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2025, as LGBTQ+ History Month in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in celebrating the diversity and character of our community; providing all citizens the right to human dignity, justice, and the opportunity to live life fully and achieve their aspirations.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of October, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

