

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH
OF OCTOBER AS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH IN
THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the City of Norman, Oklahoma, is committed to the safety and well-being of all its residents and visitors; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, pedestrian safety is a fundamental concern, and fostering a safe environment for pedestrians is essential for the vitality and health of our community; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, we acknowledge the tremendous value and vibrancy that walkable districts like Campus Corner and Downtown bring to our city, serving as hubs of culture, commerce, and community gathering, and reinforcing the importance of pedestrian safety; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, raising awareness about pedestrian safety during the month of October, when daylight hours decrease, is critical to ensuring the safety of pedestrians and reducing accidents and injuries; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, educating the public about safe pedestrian practices and encouraging responsible driver behavior is essential in preventing pedestrian accidents and fatalities; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is dedicated to improving pedestrian infrastructure and accessibility to create a more walkable and vibrant community; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, the City of Norman, in partnership with Embark, has undertaken significant enhancements to our public transit system, including the implementation of route improvements and the opening of a state-of-the-art transit center, aimed at providing safer, more efficient, and accessible transportation options to better serve transit users; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, it is with heavy hearts that we recognize that in the period from 2015 to 2021, our city witnessed the loss of 12 precious lives due to pedestrian accidents, and 31 individuals sustained life-altering injuries, and these tragic incidents serve as a solemn reminder to prioritize pedestrian safety.

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

- § 9. Do hereby proclaim the month of October as PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH in Norman, Oklahoma. I call upon all residents, businesses, schools, community organizations, and government agencies to participate in activities and initiatives that enhance pedestrian safety, including educational programs, public awareness campaigns, and efforts to improve our pedestrian infrastructure.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of September 2024.



ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk