A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING MARCH 18, 2025 AS PUBLIC TRANSIT PROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, public transit benefits everyone in the City of Norman by reducing traffic and parking congestion, improving air quality, playing an integral role in economic development, and making our city more accessible to all by getting people where they need to go from medical appointments, school, work, and other essential services; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the duty of a transit vehicle operator is to safely maneuver transit vehicles through unpredictable traffic and tough weather conditions, while exercising caution and following the laws of the road to maximize the safety of their passengers and serving as upstanding examples of safety, courtesy, discipline, and effective communication as they perform their duties each day; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, City of Norman Fleet-Transit maintenance staff provide expertise in the preventative maintenance and upkeep of a fleet of buses, vans, and shuttles for the safety of customers, visitors and the community; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, City of Norman, EMBARK, and Via/Norman On-Demand administrative and support staff provide excellence in customer service and dispatch, while working diligently on improvements to the transit system; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, City of Norman public transit services travel in excess of 530,000 miles and facilitate more than 429,000 passenger trips annually in Norman.

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

§ 6. Do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 18, 2025, as Public Transit Professional Appreciation Day in the City of Norman and invite members of the public to share their appreciation for these professionals as they make use of public transit services.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11^{th} day of March, 2025.

ATTEST:	Larry Heikkila, Mayor	



Brenda Hall, City Clerk