

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026, AS NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN

- § 1. WHEREAS, National Arab American Heritage Month has been observed as recent as April 2021, and we are proud to recognize the many contributions of our Arab American citizens that enrich our community, state, and country; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the initiative for the official national designation began in 2017 by the Arab American Foundation and we celebrate this example of hard work, persistence, and resilience to see such a meaningful mission gain momentum and ultimately be recognized by the President of the United States in April 2021, along the U.S. Department of State, Members of Congress and 37 governors; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, we recognize the Arab American Community exemplifies the values of hard work, resilience, family, entrepreneurship, compassion, and generosity; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, we acknowledge the efforts of the Arab American Community to combat harmful stereotypes, prejudices, ignorance, invisibility, and discrimination; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the Arab American Community contributes to our diverse society through faith, culture, traditions, and community engagement.

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

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026, as National Arab American Heritage 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 14th day of April, 2026.

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

City Clerk

