

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING JUNE 29
THROUGH JULY 5, AS 2025, NATURAL HISTORY WEEK
IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is home to the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, one of the nation’s premier university-based institutions for the study and celebration of our natural and cultural heritage and the legislated natural history museum of the State of Oklahoma; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the fossil holotype and only known specimen of *Aquilops americanus*—a small, early ceratopsian dinosaur from the Early Cretaceous—was discovered and described by Sam Noble Museum paleontologists Dr. Richard Cifelli and Dr. Matt Wedel, among others, and has been proudly displayed in the Hall of Ancient Life at the Sam Noble Museum; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, *Aquilops* will be featured in the upcoming major motion picture *Jurassic World: Rebirth*, as well as appearing on Dr. Pepper cans and in forthcoming Mattel and LEGO toy lines; bringing national and international attention to this remarkable fossil; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, this spotlight on *Aquilops* provides an extraordinary opportunity to celebrate Oklahoma’s rich paleontological history and the vital role of institutions like the Sam Noble Museum in preserving and interpreting our natural history; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the Sam Noble Museum serves not only as a repository of scientific discovery, but also as a center for education, outreach, and inspiration for future generations of scientists and citizens; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the recognition of *Aquilops* on such a prominent stage is a testament to the achievements of Oklahoma’s scientific community and underscores the global significance of the museum’s research and creative contributions.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim June 29 through July 5, 2025, as Natural History Week in the City of Norman, Oklahoma, and in the City of Norman and encourage all residents to visit the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History to celebrate our prehistoric heritage, and to support the ongoing efforts to preserve and share Oklahoma’s unique place in the story of life on Earth.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of June, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk