

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN,
OKLAHOMA, RECOGNIZING AND HONORING PATTI
DRENNAN FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO
MUSIC EDUCATION, CHORAL COMPOSITION, AND THE
CULTURAL LIFE OF THE NORMAN COMMUNITY.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Patti Drennan is a distinguished music educator, composer, and choral director whose career has spanned decades and whose influence has reached far beyond the Norman community; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Ms. Drennan earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Oklahoma State University and a Master of Music Education degree from the University of Oklahoma, establishing the academic foundation for a lifetime of musical excellence; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, Patti faithfully served Norman Public Schools for 28 years, including 20 years at West Mid-High School, where she was honored as “Teacher of the Year” and eight years at Norman High School, positively shaping the lives of thousands of students; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Ms. Drennan has been widely recognized for excellence in choral music, receiving prestigious honors such as the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association Director of Distinction Award, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Honoree, the OSU Distinguished Alumni Award for the Greenwood School of Music, and the Maestro Award and William S. Roche Award for her contributions to the Ambassadors Concert Choir; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, Ms. Drennan is an accomplished and prolific composer and arranger with more than 850 published choral works, piano pieces, and piano/vocal collections across thirteen major publishers, and has served as clinician, adjudicator, and guest director in more than 23 states, Canada, and numerous professional conventions; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, Ms. Drennan’s lifelong dedication to music culminated in 2024 with the creation of “Requiem of Light,” an original choral album composed in just seven weeks and performed by the internationally acclaimed Clarion Choir under the direction of Steven Fox, with chorus master and co-producer Emily Drennan Lopez; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, this extraordinary work, deeply personal to Ms. Drennan and her family and honoring the memory of her late husband, James Drennan, has earned a prestigious GRAMMY® nomination for Best Choral Performance, representing an achievement of national and international significance; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, the impact of “Requiem of Light,” and Ms. Drennan’s lifetime of artistic and educational accomplishments, bring great honor to Norman, celebrating a legacy of creativity, resilience, and profound contribution to the world of choral music.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 9. That the City Council, on behalf of the City of Norman, does hereby extend sincere commendation and heartfelt appreciation to Patti Drennan for her exceptional achievements, her dedication to music and education, and her remarkable contributions to the cultural and artistic life of our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of December, 2025.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

