

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2010, AS GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDERED HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the month of October was first recognized in 1995 as Lesbian and Gay History Month by several state Governors and Mayors to provide education about and recognize the contributions of gay and lesbian citizens throughout our Nation's history; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the celebration of history in the United States is a time-honored tradition to recognize the achievements of different individuals and groups who have made positive but sometimes unrecognized contributions to our country's history and cultural greatness; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, a number of groups in Oklahoma promote understanding, acceptance, and equality for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) individuals, including Cimarron Alliance Foundation, and chapters of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Stillwater, Enid, Muskogee, and Norman; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Norman's History includes a five-year struggle in the late 1970's that was eventually resolved by the Oklahoma Supreme Court in 1981 and resulting in the University of Oklahoma recognizing the Gay Activist Alliance as an official student organization, leading to the establishment of and contributions to community and University life of the current OU Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Friends (GLBTF) and Gay-Straight Alliances at both Norman High School and Norman North High School, who model treating all people equally without regard to sexual orientation; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman benefits from the many GLBT citizens who own businesses within the City and who contribute to our community through the arts, education, science, politics, faith, health care, public service, and all others walks of life; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City of Norman's commitment to inclusiveness and mutual respect dictates that all young people should feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment, and all individuals, families and seniors should be allowed to live their lives with dignity and respect; and

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010, as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered History Month in the City of Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of September, 2010.


Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

