

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2021, AS ARAB AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the United States is home to 3.5 million Arab Americans, these groups represent a diverse array of cultures, traditions, professions, and contributors to our nation; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the Arab community traces its origins to 22 Arabic-speaking countries in the Middle East and North Africa. The Norman community embraces the richness and diversity the Arab community creates in Norman; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the history of Arab Americans in the U.S. remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is proud to recognize the impact and contribution the Arab American community brings to the fabric locally and across our country; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the Norman Human Rights Commission continues to work to dispel prejudice and discrimination, and to advance fairness, mutual understanding, and appreciation for the worth of all people.

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

- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2021, as Arab American History 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 13th day of April, 2021.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

