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A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN. OKLAHOMA, **PROCLAIMING** THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021, AS VETERANS DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § WHEREAS, the City of Norman honors the contributions, sacrifices, and valor of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces; and
- § WHEREAS, the Veterans Day holiday initially commemorated the end of World War I, which came on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. One year later, Americans celebrated the first Armistice Day, and it became a national holiday in 1938. In 1954, President Eisenhower renamed it Veterans Day to honor and commemorate veterans of all wars; and
- WHEREAS, we recognize 18.2 million living veterans across the United States served during at § 3. least one war as of 2018; and
- WHEREAS, 9 percent of veterans are women; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, with five military installations across the state of Oklahoma, Oklahoma has a high veteran and active military population; and
- WHEREAS, the Armed Forces Reserve Center's direct presence in Norman provides a significant § connection and service to our country and state's Armed Forces;

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

Do hereby proclaim November 11, 2021 as Veterans Day in the City of Norman and invite all citizens to join me in honoring the contributions and sacrifice of our veterans to our freedom and way of life.

Mayor

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of November, 2021.

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City Clerk