

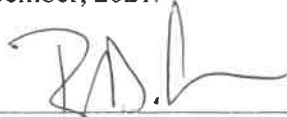
A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2022, AS KWANZAA WEEK IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Kwanzaa, an African-American holiday, was initiated in the United States in 1966 to give the Black community an opportunity to celebrate themselves and their history to support identify, purpose, and direction; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the name Kwanzaa derives from the Swahili phrase *matunda ya kwanza*, meaning “first fruits”; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, Kwanzaa is inclusive, people of all backgrounds and cultures celebrate the holiday around the world; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, this holiday encourages participants to reflect on the seven principles of Kwanzaa which are: Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith); and
- § 5. WHEREAS, 1997 marked the year of the first Kwanzaa United States Post Office stamp and the first Presidential Declaration, declarations have been made by all United States Presidents since then; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City of Norman’s Alliance of Black Employees Employee Resource Group will host the first community Kwanzaa Karamu on December 28th at the Norman Central Public Library; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, the Kwanzaa Karamu is open to all community members; and

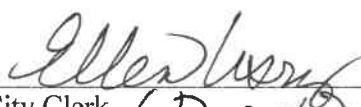
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 8. Do hereby proclaim the week of December 26, 2021, through January 1, 2022, as Kwanzaa Week in the City of Norman. I invite all citizens to join me in celebrating and learning of this special holiday of reflection in our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of December, 2021.



Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk (Deputy)

