Proclamation

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A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015, AS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES DAY.

§ 1. WHEREAS, Griffin Memorial Hospital was Oklahoma's first psychiatric hospital, first opening its doors as a private company in 1895 with state operations commencing in October 1915; and

§ 2. WHEREAS, the Central Oklahoma Community Mental Health Center was the state's and nation's first community mental health center; and

§ 3. WHEREAS other facilities followed, including the current Children's Recovery Center, and former Norman Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center, helping to establish Norman as the "heart" of behavioral health services in Oklahoma; and

§ 4. WHEREAS these facilities, all part of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, have facilitated the advancement of mental health and substance abuse services throughout our state and nation, and helped countless thousands of Oklahomans find recovery; and

§ 5. WHEREAS, the department has been one of Norman's primary employers for over a century, whose employees have worked, lived and raised families in this community; and

§ 6. WHEREAS, the department, its facilities and staff, and persons served, have been a significant part of Norman's growth and development, through partnership, community giving and outreach; and

§ 7. WHEREAS, all have made an indelible, positive mark on the community, and are continuing to support the community and help Norman to realize its full potential, to the benefit of all citizens; and

§ 8. WHEREAS, the department and its facilities including Griffin Memorial Hospital, Central Oklahoma Community Mental Health Center and Children's Recovery Center continue to serve Norman, the surrounding communities and state; and

§ 9. WHEREAS, the city joins the department in recognizing the need for continued development and advancement of these services in Norman, and the direct link between the advancement of mental health and substance abuse services and the city's future growth and progress.

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

§ 10. Do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 1, 2015, as Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Day of Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of October, 2015.

Cindy Rosatti
Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Hall
City Clerk

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