A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2023, AS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH IN THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_.

- § 1. WHEREAS, January 2023 marks the 21st Anniversary of National Mentoring Month which honors volunteer mentors who support young people by showing up for them every day and demonstrating their commitment to helping them thrive; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, mentoring programs like \_\_\_\_\_\_ make our city stronger by driving impactful relationships that increase social capital for young people and provide invaluable support networks; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, students who meet regularly with their mentors are more than 52 percent less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and youth who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor are 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, quality mentoring promotes healthy relationships and communication, positive selfesteem, emotional well-being, and growth of a young person and their relationships with other adults; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, youth who are mentored are 46 percent less likely to start using drugs and 27 percent less likely to start drinking, according to the Partnership; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_, OKLAHOMA:

§ 5. Do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2023, as National Mentoring Month in the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_, Oklahoma, and encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, and religious and educational institutions to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring in the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_ and recruit adult mentors.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk