## PROCLAMATION

## DECLARING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023 AS MENTORING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Mentoring measurably improves the lives of individuals and families in Oklahoma with strong impact on rates of school attendance, avoidance of substance abuse and reductions in violence; and

WHEREAS, youth engaged in an active mentoring relationship are 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college, and 52 percent less likely to skip a day of school, according to the National Mentoring Partnership; and

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/TOWN OF	_ DO	HEARBY
PROCLAIM JANUARY 2023 BE	DECLARED ME	NTORING
Δ\MARENESS MONTH		