



## **PROCLAMATION**

### ***City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma***

***WHEREAS***, Broken Arrow Public Schools is one of the premiere school districts not only in the state but in the nation to support fine arts curriculum at its finest; and

***WHEREAS***, the instrumental music program in Broken Arrow, under the direction of Darrin Davis and Dr. Kelli Pence, is being honored with the Sudler Flag of Honor from the John Philip Sousa Foundation, being one of only two high schools in the State to receive such an honor for concert bands; and

***WHEREAS***, the purpose of the honor is to identify, recognize and honor high school band programs internationally that have demonstrated particularly significant high standards of excellence in concert activities over a period of several years; and

***WHEREAS***, while many schools apply for the honor, it is only reserved for the very best high school concert bands and directors. The application process is extensive, requiring a minimum of seven years of detailed documentation, recordings and letters of recommendation, as well as success in adjudicated performances, state and national events and outstanding professional commitment by the conductor; and

***WHEREAS***, Broken Arrow is the only band program in the United States to have been chosen to receive this award for high school concert bands for the 2023-24 school year, in addition to being honored previously three times with the separate but still prestigious Sudler Shield of Honor for marching bands in 1999, 2008 and 2015; and

***WHEREAS***, the national spotlight and honor brought to Broken Arrow Public Schools, Broken Arrow Fine Arts and the Broken Arrow instrumental music program;

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Mayor Debra Wimpee, hereby proclaim that the City of Broken Arrow declares May 6, 2024, as Broken Arrow High School Bands Day.

***In witness, whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Broken Arrow to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

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Mayor Debra Wimpee  
City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma