



PROCLAMATION

City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

WHEREAS, historically, the greatest number of flood disasters in Oklahoma have occurred during the month of May; and

WHEREAS, flooding causes billions of dollars in property damage and dozens of deaths each year in the U.S. and losses due to flooding are not covered under most homeowners or business insurance policies; and

WHEREAS, each year, Broken Arrow Citizens can lose their lives by driving into dangerous floodwaters; and

WHEREAS, for the safety of all Broken Arrow Citizens, we must be prepared with knowledge of various flood safety procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Broken Arrow, in partnership with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Oklahoma Emergency Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Oklahoma Municipal League, Association of County Commissioners, Oklahoma Legislature, Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association, and Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association promote the beneficial uses and natural functions of the floodplain; and

WHEREAS, the National Flood Insurance Program allows residents of the City of Broken Arrow to purchase affordable flood insurance in exchange for regulating floodplain development; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Broken Arrow should be made more aware of the existence of the National Flood Insurance Program and the various personal benefits afforded through participation in the Program;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Debra Wimpee, Mayor of the City of Broken Arrow, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as **FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH**.

In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Broken Arrow to be affixed this 7th day of May, 2024.

Mayor Debra Wimpee
City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma