

# ***PROCLAMATION***

***Whereas***, the sport of baseball is America's national pastime;

***Whereas***, the United States Conference of Mayors, Major League Baseball and Minor League Baseball have come together to recognize June – August as Play Ball Summer;

***Whereas***, Play Ball Summer encourages families and communities to participate in the game of baseball thus creating a sustainable enthusiasm for the game;

***Whereas***, cities across the country will be coming together during the summer to support the growth of baseball;

***Whereas***, the sport of baseball has produced countless family and community bonding experiences;

***Whereas***, the sport of baseball has taught our youth valuable life lessons of teamwork, perseverance, leadership and sportsmanship;

***Whereas***, the sport of baseball has formed a diverse culture showcasing a snapshot of where America stands today;

***Whereas***, the sport of baseball provides a proud sense of belonging to something bigger than oneself;

***Whereas***, we recognize the importance and influence of the sport of baseball in the city of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

***Now, therefore, I***, Craig Thurmond, Mayor of the City of Broken Arrow, do hereby proclaim June – August 2017 as Play Ball Summer throughout the City of Broken Arrow.

***In witness whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Broken Arrow to be affixed this 2nd day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

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***Mayor***

***Attest:***

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***City Clerk***