

RESOLUTION NO. 1277

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE TULSA REGIONAL CHAMBER 2020 ONEVOICE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Broken Arrow Staff members have been attending the Tulsa Regional Chamber OneVoice Legislative meetings throughout the summer and fall; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include supporting legislation that removes barriers to allow municipalities to reduce costs, operate efficiently, and diversify sources of revenue available to municipalities for operating revenue; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include supporting tax credits, exemptions and incentives that provide an economic return to the State of Oklahoma, maintain our competitiveness in business attraction and retention, and increase capital investment; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include providing dedicated funding through the Oklahoma Department of Tourism to implement branding and marketing strategies developed through the statewide branding summit; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include increased funding for applied research, development and technology transfer for advancing technologies in industry; partnerships with focused financial resources on innovation having the greatest potential for commercial success in the shortest amount of time; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include strengthening alternatives to incarceration and support reforms in sentencing, reentry and rehabilitation that safely reduce the prison population and enable nonviolent offenders to reenter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include Investing in Oklahoma Education — Common Ed, Higher Ed, and Career Tech — with a comprehensive, multi-year plan to be a Top 10 state by 2025. Investing in the development of a highly-skilled, well-educated workforce will make Oklahoma more competitive and elevate our state's reputation as a quality place to live, work, raise a family, and build a business; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include addressing the Teacher shortage to improve the ability of Oklahoma's PreK- 12 public schools to attract and retain effective career teachers through policies designed to increase the state's pool of qualified teachers and improve teachers' job satisfaction.

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include supporting medicaid expansion that serves the largest number of uninsured Oklahomans in the most cost-effective way while also providing the largest financial return to the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include addressing current & future health care workforce needs in urban & rural Oklahoma by using all available state and federal resources to support and expand Teaching Health Center related programs, including by expanding the Oklahoma Hospital Residency Training Act to include community-based training; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include expanding behavioral health and substance use disorder services to help more Oklahomans gain access to the treatment and support they need to live healthy, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include Support programs and funding to improve resilience and treat behavioral health conditions that often arise from adverse childhood experiences (ACEs); and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include continue to improve our roads, bridges and return our streets and highways to a state of good repair by fully funding the Oklahoma Department of Transportation’s Eight Year Plan and the County Improvement for Roads and Bridges Five Year Plan; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities support the elimination of all exemptions to Oklahoma’s One-Call Program (Call 811 Before You Dig). Eliminating the exemptions to the One-Call Program strongly promotes pipeline and underground utility safety; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include treat reliable water supply as the major driver for economic development that it is. Reliable water supply is based on both water quantity and water quality, and improvements in both of these areas help large and small communities; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 State Priorities include request funding for the newly created “McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System Infrastructure Revolving Fund” at a minimum of \$4 million for the purpose of supplementing and pooling all monies received by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation from appropriations, dedicated revenues, federal funds, private contributions or other sources authorized by law dedicated to the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS). s; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include Support Funding for Critical Economic Development Programs by strongly supporting (or oppose efforts to cut) targeted economic development funding for programs that have proven to be effective and beneficial to the Tulsa Region; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include encouraging the long-term extension of the Federal American Indian Lands Tax Credit.; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include supporting measures to reduce or eliminate barriers to greater use of American-produced natural gas, including CNG, LNG, GTL, and NGLs. and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include minimize the regulatory burden on small and medium employers under the Affordable Care Act and support efforts to reduce these employers’ cost of providing health care. and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include encourage the long-term extension of the Federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for solar energy, energy storage, and all other technologies historically included in this incentive and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include protect funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service, which supports local schools and non-profit organizations with vital resources and manpower through AmeriCorps programs; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include reauthorize and fully fund federal mandates under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and pass the appropriation bill for the discretionary funding; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include support efforts to meet current industry needs for middle- skill workers eligible for jobs that require training beyond high school.; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include expand Pell Grant eligibility to short-term, industry-driven training at post-secondary institutions; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include through long-term funding authorization, fully fund existing HRSA Teaching Health Center programs at \$157,000 per resident and allocate additional resources for residency programs at new or existing sites; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include open doors for recovery through repeal of the federal Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Exclusion policy for Medicaid payments and the 190-day lifetime limit for inpatient treatment of Medicare recipients; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include continue to support addressing the critical infrastructure needs with Tulsa's aging levee system, the need of which was dramatically evidenced by extended Spring 2019 releases of water from Keystone Dam and the resulting downstream flooding and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include increase Congressional appropriations to address the approximate \$250 million in the backlog of critical maintenance on the MKARNS; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include strongly encourage Congress to allocate funding for a new control tower at Tulsa International Airport.; and

WHEREAS, OneVoice 2020 Federal Priorities include support timely reauthorization of the FAST Act which authorizes federal surface transportation programs and is due to expire in 2020; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Broken Arrow City Council hereby offer its support for the 2020 OneVoice State and Federal Legislative Priorities.

ADOPTED BY THE BROKEN ARROW CITY COUNCIL THIS 20th day of November 2018.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

(seal) City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Assistant City Attorney