



THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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**WHEREAS**, Palomar family justice center opened in 2017, bringing 15 partner agencies together under one roof to provide wraparound services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, elder abuse, and human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, Palomar unites professionals to respond to the holistic needs of survivors and their children, and since opening, 413 diverse professionals have worked together to help hurting families; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the demand for services, Palomar's partner agencies have grown to 42 and include: victim service providers, community non-profits, law enforcement, civil legal attorneys, universities, brain health professionals, animal advocacy, therapists, forensics, childcare, housing and more; and

**WHEREAS**, true to its collaborative spirit, Palomar has engaged and mobilized 725 volunteers, who have donated 55,385 hours to help survivors and their children in Oklahoma City and provided them with 206,682 services to lead them to safety, hope and healing; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Oklahoma recently ranked 8th in the nation for women killed by men, and one-in-two women are estimated to be the victims of domestic violence or sexual assault in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, over 39,000 people desperate for help called 911 due to a domestic violent situation, a 12 percent increase from just five years ago when Palomar opened; and

**WHEREAS**, awareness, improved system efficiency and outcomes are increasing the demand for help, and the city's investment in Palomar is yielding positive outcomes as citizens are being connected with the services they need, spanning all eight of the city's wards; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows when agencies work together in a collective impact model, better outcomes are achieved for families impacted by violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Palomar's coordinated response model has been identified by the U.S. Department of Justice as a best practice for reducing barriers and increasing efficiency, and commanded national attention for innovative programming from the Alliance for HOPE, International; and

**WHEREAS**, Palomar is striving for an Oklahoma City with less violence, where families are safe, and offenders are held accountable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID HOLT**, Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, do hereby join our residents in celebrating our city's proud partnership with Palomar upon its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **AND DO FURTHER HEREBY** thank Palomar for the good work they do in our community that has interrupted generational cycles of violence and successfully saved lives.

**SIGNED** the 13h day of September 2022.

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MAYOR