

**WHEREAS**, October 5th, 2020, marks the Second Annual Vascular Access Specialty Day, organized to promote the advancement of the specialty of Vascular Access; and

**WHEREAS**, October 5th is chosen as the official day which commemorates the birthday of Suzanne Herbst, RN, founder of the Association for Vascular Access (originally BAVAN) in 1985 to support and promote the specialty of vascular access; and

**WHEREAS**, greater than 90% of patients admitted to hospitals require some form of vascular access to receive life-saving treatments and vascular access played a critical role in treating patients during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, vascular access needs transition through the continuum of care and are managed by specialists in all care settings, including outpatient, skilled nursing facilities and home infusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vascular Access Specialist is educated and experienced in the specialty, providing exceptional vascular access insertion, care and maintenance with the objective of promoting an optimal, proactive and intentional approach to preserve vasculature, improve clinical outcomes, enhance patient safety and educate all stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, clinicians who specialize and are certified in Vascular Access (VA-BC™) are an integral part of healthcare teams and keep patients safe from catheter complications, improve patient comfort and satisfaction;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William H. Joyce, Mayor of the City of Stillwater, hereby do proclaim Monday, October 5th, 2020 as

**"VASCULAR ACCESS SPECIALTY DAY"**

throughout Stillwater, OK and encourage all of our residents to recognize VASCULAR ACCESS SPECIALISTS for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in healthcare as a critical part of the healthcare team.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City Stillwater to be affixed this 5th day of October 2020.

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**WILLIAM H. JOYCE, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**TERESA KADAVY, CITY CLERK**

