WHEREAS: The City of Tulsa recognizes the many devoted citizens who assist the unsheltered population every day, year after year, without recognition, serving from the depths of their hearts, helping the homeless feel acknowledged and cared for; and

WHEREAS: In the past few years, there have been many challenges to the resilience of these selfless workers, the 2019 Flood, the Covid-19 Pandemic, and, most recently, the historic winter storms that brought prolonged sub-freezing temperatures, which severely jeopardized the lives, safety, and well-being of our homeless residents; and

WHEREAS: City-wide Homeless Outreach Workers have worked collaboratively and seamlessly through multiple organizations, around the clock, to bring over 400 unsheltered Tulsans refuge into hotels and shelters during February’s unprecedented weather; and

WHEREAS: Tulsa’s Outreach Workers continue to labor to provide food, clothing, transportation, emotional support, and medical attention to Tulsa’s homeless population; and

WHEREAS: The ongoing and courageous efforts of these Homeless Outreach Workers have saved the lives of hundreds of Tulsa citizens with the objective to provide permanent housing for the homeless, and it’s a privilege to have these unsung heroes as a part of our City;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor of the City of Tulsa and the Tulsa City Council, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 5th, 2021, in Tulsa as

Homeless Outreach Workers Day

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we hereby set our hands on this Third day of March Two Thousand and Twenty-One.