



WHEREAS, It is the 40th Anniversary of the McAlester Italian Festival; and

WHEREAS, Since 1971 the Italian Festival has honored our rich Italian heritage in this area of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, The festival has grown into one of the largest festivals in the state, and features one of the largest arts and crafts shows in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, The delicious and freshly-prepared Italian food is world famous; and

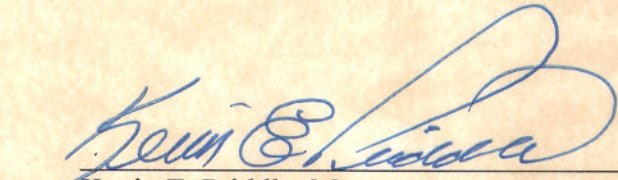
WHEREAS, The efforts of hundreds of volunteers work tirelessly to make the two-day event a great success for the charities they support, the City of McAlester and Pittsburg County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor of the City of McAlester, The Great State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim May 22nd and May 23rd, 2010, as

“Italian Festival Weekend”

With sincere appreciation to all of the volunteers, community members and patrons for their time, energy and enthusiasm in making the 40th Annual McAlester Italian Festival a tremendous success.

SIGNED this 22nd day of May, 2010.


Kevin E. Priddle, Mayor