WELCOME HOME BLACK TIES TO OSAWATOMIE
WE HONOR YOUR 100-YEAR LEGACY

WHEREAS, the family is the cornerstone of our society and we are nurtured by our families from birth until the ends of our lives; and

WHEREAS, family reunions bring multiple generations together linking past, present, and future generations providing a time to share their heritage and their family traditions; and

WHEREAS, families honor those who have passed on, and celebrate their continuing renewal through new marriages and the birth of new babies; and

WHEREAS, at these special times families come together to renew and refresh their relationships and reconnect with long lost relatives. In our mobile society, great distances often separate people from their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the phrase “Remember when we...” is sure to bring love and laughter in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Black Ties to Osawatomie legacy began 100 years ago, gathering together every other second weekend in August in John Brown Park; and

WHEREAS, Black Ties engages in this family-strengthening tradition making it the perfect opportunity to gather around with family and friends, feeling part of something greater than ourselves; and

WHEREAS, these families are ever linked together because of their ties with Osawatomie and they welcome others that have ties to our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip A. Dudley, Mayor of Osawatomie, do hereby proclaim this the second weekend of August, 2012 as

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in Osawatomie, and urge all citizens to celebrate their families and reflect on their past and look forward to their future; and

FURTHER, I urge everyone with ties to Osawatomie to join the Black Ties in celebrating their 100-year legacy.

Proclaimed this 9th day of August, 2012.

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Philip A. Dudley, Mayor