

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Young Women of Payne County Scholarship Program is held each March to honor high school junior young women in Payne County. This countywide scholarship program recognizes, rewards, and encourages excellence while promoting self-esteem among these young women. The 17th annual Distinguished Young Women of Payne County Program occurred on Saturday, March 7, 2016, with eight Payne County high school juniors participating; four from Stillwater, one from Perkins, one from Yale, one from Cushing, and one from Glencoe Home School; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ana Teresa Atilas, daughter of Jorge and Julia Atilas of Stillwater, was selected as The Distinguished Young Woman of Payne County for 2017; and

WHEREAS, by being selected the Distinguished Young Woman of Payne County for 2017, Miss Atilas will be involved in community service, speaking engagements around Payne County, performing at various events, and presenting the "Be Your Best Self" message of Self-Confidence and Commitment to Payne County school children. She will encourage young people to make a commitment to do their best to Be Involved, Be Studious, Be Healthy, Be Ambitious, and Be Responsible. It includes, but is not restricted to, encouraging young people as they face the challenges of dealing with negative peer pressure and avoiding the perils of the abuse of alcohol and other drugs; and

WHEREAS, by being selected the Distinguished Young Woman of Payne County for 2017, Miss Atilas is automatically entered in the Distinguished Young Women of Oklahoma Scholarship Program, to be held July 20-23, 2016 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Miss Atilas will compete for the Oklahoma state title in the categories of Fitness, Interview, Self-Expression, Talent, and Scholastics.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina J. Noble, Mayor of the City of Stillwater, do hereby proclaim the 16th day of May, 2016 as:

"ANA TERESA ATILES DAY"

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Stillwater to be affixed this 16th day of May, 2016.

GINA J. NOBLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH CHRZ, CITY CLERK