

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, across the nation, approximately 276,086 people received medical care for treatment of unintentional burn injuries in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, children under five are twice as likely to be seen for burn injuries at a hospital emergency department, young adults 20-29 have 1.4 times the risk, and those 30-39 have 1.3 times the risk of the general population; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary causes of injury include fire-flame, scalds, contact with hot objects, electrical, and chemicals, and most of the injuries occur in the home. Most of those who suffer burn injuries will survive. However, many survivors will sustain serious scarring, life-long physical disabilities, and adjustment difficulties; and

**WHEREAS**, burn safety education and prevention efforts continue to reduce the number of people who suffer burns each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Burn Association's initiative, National Burn Awareness Week, is a collaboration of burn, fire, and life safety educators working to bring awareness to the frequency, devastation, and causes of burn injuries, how best to care for those who are injured, and most importantly, prevention of burns.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, does hereby proclaim February 5-11, 2023 as

## **Burn Awareness Week**

in Appleton and encourage all resident to become familiar with burn prevention and take appropriate steps to protect their families from burn injuries.



Signed and sealed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023.

**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON