

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, childhood cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease in children and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday, the average age of diagnosis is 10 years old, and 16,790 children in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease and there are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time; and

WHEREAS, although incidence rates have been rising slightly over the past few decades, death rates have declined by 32% between 1991 and 2019 due to improved treatment and clinical trials; and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out; and

WHEREAS, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer and hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the American Childhood Cancer Organization are helping children with cancer and their families cope through education, emotional, and financial support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September as

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

in Appleton and encourage all citizens to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and support research to cure this disease that so deeply impacts families in every community.

Signed and sealed this 20th day of August 2024.



JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON

*Pursuant to this Proclamation and in accordance with the Special Flag Policy, a special flag will be flown at City Hall on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.