## **PROCLAMATION**



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, severe burns are a major cause of deaths and injuries, especially among young children; and

WHEREAS, every year, hundreds of children under age 10 die in home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, a high percentage of fire-related deaths occur in homes, and fires and burns are a leading cause of injury-related fatalities among children under age 15; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of children are taken to the emergency room every day with burn injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, Shriners International and Shriners Children's join with others in the burn care field in supporting locations that provide pediatric burn care, and recognizing the seriousness of this problem and the urgent need to educate the public about burn prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and appropriate to acknowledge the contributions of Shriners International and to commend the Shriners for their continued support and concern for children with burn injuries; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, does hereby proclaim February 4-10, 2024, as

## **Burn Awareness Week**

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

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Signed and sealed this 17th day of January 2024.

JACOB A. WOODFORD MAYOR OF APPLETON