

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, there are approximately 580,000 family caregivers across Wisconsin who help older parents, spouses, and loved ones live independently in their homes and communities rather than in costly nursing facilities; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers sustain our long-term care system, providing 540 million hours of unpaid care each year—an estimated value of \$9.2 billion in labor that saves taxpayers billions; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers face financial, emotional, and physical challenges as they manage daily tasks, medications, transportation, and nursing duties, often without formal training; and

WHEREAS, nearly 80% of family caregivers spend their own money—averaging more than \$7,200 annually—often depleting savings, taking on debt, or delaying bill payments to meet their loved ones' needs; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers deserve not only our gratitude but also practical solutions that save them time, money, and stress; and

WHEREAS, most of us have been, will be, or will depend on a family caregiver at some point in our lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 2025 as

Family Caregivers Month

in Appleton, and encourage all residents to recognize, honor, and support the dedicated individuals who provide care to loved ones, strengthening the well-being and resilience of families throughout our community.



Signed and sealed this 31st day of October 2025.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON