

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Youth HOPE Month, formerly known as National Runaway Prevention Month, began in November 2002 and is presented each year by the National Runaway Safeline, the federally designated national communication system for runaway and homeless youth; and

**WHEREAS**, runaway youth are often expelled from their home, have experienced trauma, struggle to meet their own basic needs, and are at increased danger of falling into high-risk situations, including human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, effective community programming to support runaway and homeless youth and their families succeeds because of partnerships created among youth, families, and youth-centered service organizations, community-based human service agencies, law enforcement, schools, and local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Home Base along with the Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley is delivering its annual Youth on the Move Wellness Fair event to raise awareness, support, and resources for young people in the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as

## Youth HOPE Month

in Appleton and encourage all citizens to recognize the role we can all play in advocating for and providing safe alternatives to this vulnerable population of young people.

Signed and sealed this 22nd day of October 2024.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON