

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 2-8, 2025, 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.

Signed and sealed this 24th day of January 2025.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON



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WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the 1926 establishment of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by Black Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to dismantle racism and build a society that lives up to our nation's democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, *A Stone of Hope: Black Experiences in the Fox Cities*, an exhibit on local Black history from the 1700s to the present produced by the History Museum at the Castle, reminds us that Appleton's past includes examples of racism and discrimination, and that the road to becoming a more inclusive community has been long and difficult for BIPOC Appletonians; and

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton continues to work toward being a welcoming community where all people are respected and recognized for their contributions and is proud to honor the history and achievements of Black community members.

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

Black History Month

in Appleton and encourage all residents to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, learn about our history, and continue efforts to create a community that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

Signed and sealed this 3rd day of February 2025.



JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON

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