## **PROCLAMATION**



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, scleroderma is a group of rare diseases that involves hardening and tightening of the skin and connective tissues for which there is no cure; and,

**WHEREAS**, scleroderma may affect the skin, blood vessels, internal organs, and the digestive tract, and the signs and symptoms vary for each type of scleroderma; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the Scleroderma Foundation, approximately 300,000 individuals in the United States are diagnosed with scleroderma; and,

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive and coordinated health services for people with scleroderma are critically important to achieving positive patient outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Scleroderma Foundation and other organizational partners seek to raise awareness in our communities through support, education and research toward finding a cure for scleroderma.

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

## Scleroderma Awareness Month

in Appleton and encourage residents to wear teal for the month of June to increase awareness and to educate the medical community and public in support of scleroderma awareness and to participate in scleroderma awareness-related events.



Signed and sealed this 14th day of May 2024.

JACOB A. WOODFORD MAYOR OF APPLETON