

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton is committed to being a place that is accepting and supportive of all individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Coming Out Day honors the invaluable contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals to our community and those involved in the October 11, 1987, March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, which helped establish lesbian and gay rights as a fundamental issue of civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Coming Out Day supports LGBTQ+ individuals to live truthfully and openly and is a reminder that public expression of LGBTQ+ identity is supported and that the underlying universal ideals of honesty, acceptance, and commitment to equality must be shared by all individuals; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Appleton adopted an ordinance prohibiting housing discrimination based on gender identity; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Appleton's Common Council became the first in the State of Wisconsin to have an openly transgender elected official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2023* as

Coming Out Day

in Appleton and urge all citizens to honor, celebrate, and promote equal rights to all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.



Signed and sealed this 27th day of September 2023.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON

*Pursuant to this Proclamation and in accordance with the Special Flag Policy, a special flag will be flown at City Hall on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.