

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for “automatic” bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control and more; and

WHEREAS, dysautonomia impacts over 70 million people around the world, and includes conditions such as Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Vasovagal Syncope, Pure Autonomic Failure and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia syndrome; and

WHEREAS, dysautonomia impacts people of any age, gender, race or background, including many individuals living in Appleton; and

WHEREAS, dysautonomia can be very disabling and this disability can result in social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted and financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can result in death, causing tremendous pain and suffering for those impacted and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get diagnosed and treated earlier, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia in our community; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia, encourages communities to celebrate Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October around the world; and

WHEREAS, we seek to recognize the contributions of medical professionals, patients and family members who are working to educate our citizenry about dysautonomia in Appleton;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2018 as

Dysautonomia Awareness Month

in Appleton and encourage all citizens to find out more about dysautonomia and what they can do to help.

Signed and sealed this 1st day of October, 2018.




TIMOTHY M. HANNA
MAYOR OF APPLETON