

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton has an interest in promoting the social and economic well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, more than 90% of the 45 million Americans struggling with addiction started use before the age of 18, putting our next generation at risk and creating an unprecedented public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, staff in our schools are seeking ways to reduce chronic absence, low achievement, disruptive behavior, low graduation and dropout rates; and teachers, counselors, social workers, school nurses and psychologists, school administrators and families are struggling to support young adults in crisis; and

WHEREAS, our communities and specifically our schools are challenged to find the resources needed to address and engage at-risk young people and their families leading to those in need lacking the services and attention to face their issues; and

WHEREAS, as a community we must encourage our relatives and friends to guide those in need so that they may achieve a healthy lifestyle by preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, since 2013, RISE TOGETHER had educated, engaged and empowered over one-hundred-thousand youth in our state to promote mental health awareness and provide an opportunity to fight back against addiction; and

WHEREAS, these types of efforts come at a great time of need while our state and country face an addiction pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2018, as

RISE TOGETHER DAY

in Appleton and urge our citizens to join in honoring the lives that have been lost to addiction by recognizing the valuable contributions made by RISE TOGETHER and reaffirming our commitment to a sustained effort in support of prevention and recovery. We encourage students, faculty and staff to participate in prevention education and activities, not only during Rise Together Day, but each day forward, making a visible statement that our community is committed to its youth, our next generation of leaders.



Signed and sealed this 12th day of September, 2018.


TIMOTHY M. HANNA
MAYOR OF APPLETON