PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, mental health is fundamental to the overall health and well-being of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, serious mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorders affect one in every five people; and

WHEREAS, serious mental illness is a highly treatable medical illness of the brain posing the same concern as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses; and

WHEREAS, scientific research is producing tremendous breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illness, resulting in more effective treatments to allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, misunderstandings exist about mental illness, and social culture often wrongly imposes a stigma on mental illness; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness of mental health issues may lead to reduced stigma and discrimination, earlier identification and treatment, increased productively and improved ability to contribute to healthier families and communities; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7 - 13, 2018 as

Mental Illness Awareness Week

Throughout the City of Appleton and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Signed and sealed this 3rd day of October, 2018.

TIMOTAY M. HANNA MAYOR OF APPLETON