



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Littlest Tumor Foundation has been working to increase understanding of neurofibromatosis (NF), empower affected families, and advance research of preventative therapies since 2010; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, over 110,000 people – including over 1,900 people in Wisconsin and 132 people in the Appleton area – have neurofibromatosis (NF), a serious childhood tumor-growth disorder with potentially life-threatening complications such as heart disease, stroke, blindness, deafness, and amputation; and

WHEREAS, neurofibromatosis (NF) is the most common genetic disorder linked to a single gene, and while half of all cases of neurofibromatosis (NF) are inherited, half of neurofibromatosis (NF) cases are spontaneous genetic mutations; and

WHEREAS, neurofibromatosis is the most common genetic disorder linked to a single gene; more common than cystic fibrosis, Huntington's Disease, and Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy combined; and

WHEREAS, the Littlest Tumor Foundation advocates on behalf of the neurofibromatosis (NF) community to increase federal funding for neurofibromatosis (NF) research and programs and to improve comprehensive health care and insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness is necessary to support those living with neurofibromatosis (NF), their families, and their supporters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS MONTH

in Appleton and encourage all citizens to recognize Neurofibromatosis Month and join the Littlest Tumor Foundation's efforts to increase understanding, empower families, support research, and most importantly, change the future of this serious condition.



Signed and sealed this 17th day of April, 2016.

TIMOTHY M. HANNA
MAYOR OF APPLETON

