

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, residents of assisted living communities are active members of the larger community, offering their knowledge, life experiences and involvement; their past contributions continue to be a vital part of Appleton's rich history; and their ongoing participation deepens our city's identity; and

WHEREAS, assisted living is a critical long term care service for older adults and individuals with disabilities that fosters choice, dignity, and independence; assisted living communities are committed to excellence, innovation and the advancement of person-centered care; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the National Center for Assisted Living established National Assisted Living Week® to honor the contributions of assisted living communities in providing long term care to America's seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme of National Assisted Living Week® is "Spark of Creativity" which hopes to inspire assisted living residents to explore their creative side whether through the arts or beyond; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Art Therapy Association, art therapy can offer many benefits to older adults and individuals with disabilities, including improving cognitive and sensory-motor functions, fostering self-esteem and self-awareness, cultivating emotional resilience, enhancing social skills and reducing and resolving conflicts and distress; and

WHEREAS, "A Spark of Creativity" is also meant to encourage assisted living staff to think creatively and continue to explore new, innovative ways to deliver high-quality, person-centered care; and

WHEREAS, during this special week, assisted living communities across the country are encouraged to organize activities and events which celebrate the individuality of residents, the dedications of staff, and the deep connections formed in these settings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim the week of September 8-14, 2019 as

NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK®

in Appleton and urge all citizens to volunteer in an assisted living community, to visit friends and loved ones who reside at these communities, and to learn more about how assisted living services benefit Wisconsin.



Signed and sealed this 8th day of September, 2019.


TIMOTHY M. HANNA
MAYOR OF APPLETON