



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the global epidemic of HIV infection and AIDS requires a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and united action with 36.9 million people currently living with HIV, and tens of millions of precious lives have been lost due to AIDS-related causes since the beginning of the epidemic around the world; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., founded on January 13, 1913 by 22 progressive thinking collegiate women at Howard University in Washington, D.C., the world's largest international public service sorority of predominately African-American college-educated women with over 300,000 initiated members, observes December 1st of each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand and strengthen worldwide efforts to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Wisconsin Alumnae Chapter (NEWAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., chartered on April 2, 2016 with 15 Charter Members serving Appleton, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Oshkosh and Sheboygan, is encouraging a better understanding of the challenge of HIV/AIDS in the Fox Valley; and

WHEREAS, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) is at the forefront of HIV prevention, care and treatment and is the largest provider of health care and social services to people living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Diverse & Resilient's Statewide Room to Be Safe Anti-Violence Program has recently opened its newest office in Appleton serving survivors of intimate, sexual and hate violence; and

WHEREAS, more than 7,000 people in Wisconsin, including more than 270 people in the tri-county region, have been diagnosed with HIV infection, many of whom are people of color or members of the LGBTQ+ community, two groups who have been disproportionately impacted by the HIV epidemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, today people of color represent more than 66% of all new HIV infections in Wisconsin and women now make up almost 11% of all new HIV infections in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2019 as

World AIDS Day

in Appleton, and commends the work being done by these organizations and urge all citizens to join the global effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS.



Signed and sealed this 1st day of December 2019.


TIMOTHY M. HANNA
MAYOR OF APPLETON

