

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, home care, palliative care, and hospice services provide for a person's health and social needs throughout life – serving expectant mothers, infants and children, adults, people with disabilities, and older adults, as well as providing love, comfort, and support at the end of life; and

**WHEREAS**, these services enable people to receive quality health and social services in their own place of residence, while preserving dignity and independence; these services support families by easing caregiver burdens and helping to avoid the costs of institutional care; and

**WHEREAS**, the services are delivered by interdisciplinary teams of physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, therapists, psychological and spiritual counselors, and trained community volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, timely access to hospice and palliative care can decrease hospitalizations and emergency department visits, and increase quality of life for patients and family caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, providing high-quality home care, palliative care, and hospice services reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health, or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and care.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November as

## Home Care, Palliative Care, and Hospice Services Month

in Appleton and recognize the contributions of home care, palliative care, and hospice services and caregivers to increasing quality of life, and encourage every adult to learn more about options for future health care and to share their health care wishes with loved ones and health care professionals.

Signed and sealed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2020.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON