

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, across the nation, approximately 400,000 people receive medical care for treatment of burn injuries annually; and

**WHEREAS**, children under 5 are twice as likely to be seen for burn injuries at a hospital emergency department, young adults 20-29 have 1.4 times the risk, and those 30-39 have 1.3 times the risk of the general population; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary causes of injury include fire-flame, scalds, contact with hot objects, electrical, and chemicals, and most of the injuries occur in the home. Most of those who suffer burn injuries will survive. However, many survivors will sustain serious scarring, life-long physical disabilities, and adjustment difficulties; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Burn Association's initiative, National Burn Awareness Week, is a collaboration of burn, fire, and life safety educators working to bring awareness to the frequency, devastation, and causes of burn injuries as well as prevention and how best to care for those that are injured; and

**WHEREAS**, significant research and medical advances have dramatically improved burn care and treatment, aided rehabilitation, shortened hospital stays, and increased burn survival rates. Aftercare support for the physical and emotional effects of burns has also played a key role in the successful reintegration of burn survivors into our communities. Furthermore, burn safety education and prevention efforts continue to reduce the number of people who suffer burns each year; and

**WHEREAS**, many people devote their lives and careers to treating, caring for, supporting and rehabilitating burn injury survivors, including those performing vital work in burn research and development. There are dedicated fire fighters who risk their own lives every day to protect others, as well as burn foundations and other life safety professionals who promote burn injury awareness and prevention.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, does hereby proclaim February 7-13, 2021 as

## Burn Awareness Week

in Appleton and encourage all resident to become familiar with burn prevention and take appropriate steps to protect their families from burn injuries.

Signed and sealed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2021.

  
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**JACOB A. WOODFORD, MAYOR OF APPLETON**

