

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

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

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, over 100,000 people – including over 100 people in Appleton alone, have neurofibromatosis, a serious childhood tumor-growth disorder with potentially life-threatening complications such as heart disease, stroke, blindness, deafness, and amputation; and

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

**WHEREAS**, neurofibromatosis is 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 community to increase federal funding for 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, their families, and their supporters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 17, 2021 as

## Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day

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



Signed and sealed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2021.

**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON