

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton has an interest in promoting the social and economic wellbeing of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, more than 90% of the 40 million Americans struggling with addiction started use before the age of 18, putting our next generation at risk and creating an unprecedented public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, staff in our schools are seeking ways to reduce chronic absence, achievement gaps, and disruptive behavior, while increasing graduation rates; and teachers, counselors, social workers, school nurses, psychologists, school administrators, and families are struggling to support young adults in this crisis; and

WHEREAS, our communities, and specifically our schools, are working to identify and secure the resources needed to address and engage at-risk young people and their families, leading to those in need obtaining the services required to combat the issues; and

WHEREAS, as a community we must encourage our relatives and friends to guide those in need so that they may achieve a healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, Rise Together has educated, engaged, and empowered over two-hundred seventy-five thousand youth in Wisconsin to promote mental health awareness and provide opportunities to fight back against addiction; and

WHEREAS, these types of efforts are especially important now as our communities face an addiction pandemic.

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

Recovery Month

in Appleton and encourage citizens to join in reaffirming our commitment to support prevention and recovery efforts. I also encourage students, faculty, and staff to participate in prevention education and activities, making a visible statement that our community is committed to our youth and their wellbeing.

Signed and sealed this 25th day of August 2023.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON

