

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the City of Appleton is committed to being a place that is accepting and supportive of all individuals, families, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Coming Out Day honors the invaluable contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals to our community and those involved in the October 11, 1987, March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, which helped establish lesbian and gay rights as a fundamental issue of civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Coming Out Day supports LGBTQ+ individuals to live truthfully and openly and is a reminder that public expression of LGBTQ+ identity is supported and that the underlying universal ideals of honesty, acceptance, and commitment to equality must be shared by all individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, Appleton adopted an ordinance prohibiting housing discrimination based on gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, Appleton's Common Council became the first in the State of Wisconsin to have an openly transgender elected official.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2023\* as

## Coming Out Day

in Appleton and urge all citizens to honor, celebrate, and promote equal rights to all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.



Signed and sealed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON

\*Pursuant to this Proclamation and in accordance with the Special Flag Policy, a special flag will be flown at City Hall on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.