## **PROCLAMATION**



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, often debilitating neurological disease of the central nervous system that affects approximately 915,000 people in the United States, the exact cause of MS is unknown, and there is no known cure; and

**WHEREAS**, MS typically strikes young people in the prime of their life in their 20s, 30s, and 40s; and

**WHEREAS**, every hour of every day, someone is newly diagnosed with MS, and women are two times more likely than men to have MS; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to promote education and awareness of this disease so that those with it can lead more productive and satisfying lives to benefit themselves, their caregivers, families, and the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, the National MS Society provides programs and services for anyone whose life has been affected by MS; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Appleton will once again compete in the "Walk MS Appleton vs. De Pere City Challenge" to raise money for the National MS Society's mission to cure MS while empowering people affected by MS to live their best lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as

## **MS Awareness Month**

in Appleton and encourage all residents to educate themselves on the symptoms of MS for early identification and to participate in upcoming community awareness and fundraising events.

Signed and sealed this 1st day of March 2024.

JACOB A. WOODFORD MAYOR OF APPLETON

\*Pursuant to this Proclair ation and in accordance with the Special Flag Policy, a special flag will be flown at City Hall on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

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