

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that cause malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which controls "automatic" bodily functions such as heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, respiration, and temperature regulation; and

WHEREAS, dysautonomia affects more than 70 million people globally, including conditions such as Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Vasovagal Syncope, Pure Autonomic Failure, and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS); and

WHEREAS, dysautonomia affects individuals of all ages, genders, races, and backgrounds, including many residents of the City of Appleton; and

WHEREAS, dysautonomia can significantly impair daily life, leading to social isolation, emotional stress on families, financial hardship, and in some cases, can be life-threatening, causing pain and suffering for patients and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of dysautonomia can lead to earlier diagnoses, improved treatment outcomes, and enhanced support for affected individuals and their families within our community; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, advocates on behalf of dysautonomia patients and encourages communities worldwide to observe Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October; and

WHEREAS, we seek to honor the efforts of healthcare professionals, patients, and families who work tirelessly to raise awareness and educate others about dysautonomia in Appleton.

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

Dysautonomia Awareness Month

in Appleton and encourage residents to learn more about dysautonomia and how they can support those impacted by this condition.

Signed and sealed this 25th day of September 2024.



JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON