

PROCLAMATION

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK FEBRUARY 7-14, 2024

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our children is of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States, more than 40,000 babies are born with a congenital heart defect; and **WHEREAS**, the medical community has identified congenital heart defects as the leading cause of birth defect-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, medical research can provide more identifiable means of the origins and symptoms of congenital heart defect; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that parents, pediatricians, and all those in the health profession have a greater awareness of the potential for congenital heart defects among newborns and children; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides the opportunity for families and patients affected by these conditions to share their experiences and knowledge with the public, so that we all may be made more aware of how this defect affects all our lives.

THEREFORE, I, Holly Schrupp, as the Mayor of the City of Delano, on behalf of the Delano City Council, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2024, CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK in the city of Delano of the great state of Minnesota and encourage all to join us in this special observance.

Holly Schrupp, Mayor

