



CITY OF LE SUEUR
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Jasper Kruggel, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Proclaim October 15th as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day
DATE: For the City Council Meeting of Monday, September 27th, 2021

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Proclaim October 15th as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

SUMMARY

Representatives from Infants Remembered in Silence, Inc. (IRIS) have reached out to the City and requested that October 15th be proclaimed "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day."

The letter received by IRIS is attached along with the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending that City Council proclaim October 15th to be Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.



IRIS INFANTS REMEMBERED IN SILENCE

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Founded in 1987

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Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (#41-1700704) would like to respectfully request that the city adopt a resolution endorsing October 15th as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day in accordance with the requirements within the city/county.

Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS) works with thousands of people across Minnesota, and across the USA, who have experienced the death of a child during pregnancy through early childhood. This includes death from miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, stillbirth, neo-natal death, sudden unexplained death of a child (SUDC), sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), birth defects, illness, accidents, and all other types of early childhood death. Many of these parents live in, deliver in, and have a child die in, or bury a child in this community.

Bereaved parents remember these children annually with a 7 pm candle lighting on October 15th. Some will remember their child/children in their homes while others will remember them in small gatherings around the state and across the nation. This resolution/proclamation would unify these parents in tribute of their children.

United States Government Proclamations:

- 1988 President Ronald Reagan Proclaimed October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.
- 2001 House Resolution
107th Congress – 1st Session
H.RES.254 IH
- 2006 House Resolution
109th Congress – 1st Session
H.CON.RES.222

If you do choose to adopt this proclamation/resolution you may send us any certificates via e-mail to support@irisremembers.com or we can arrange for someone to pick it up.

Respectively submitted July 23, 2021.

Diana Kelley - Founder and Executive Director
Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. © (IRIS)



**PROCLAMATION
PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY**

WHEREAS, Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS) and many other nonprofit organizations work with thousands of parents all over Minnesota and across the United States who have experienced the death of a child during pregnancy through early childhood; and

WHEREAS, many of these parents live in, deliver in, have a child die in, or a bury a child in our community; and

WHEREAS, Infants Remembered In Silence (IRIS) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations was founded 1987, 31 years ago, to support for parents whose child/children died from miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, stillbirth, neo-natal death, sudden unexplained death of a child (SUDC) sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), birth defects, illness, accidents, and all other types of infants and early childhood death; and

WHEREAS, bereaved parents around the world remember their children annually on October 15 with a candle lighting at 7:00pm. Some will remember their child/children in their homes while other will remember them in small gatherings around the state, across the nation and around the world; and would unify these parents in tribute to their children; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the thousands of children that die each year in Minnesota Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS) respectfully request that October 15th, 2020 be recognized as Pregnancy and Infants Loss Remembrance Day.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Le Sueur City Council proclaims October 15, 2021 to be

NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY

Shawn Kirby
Mayor