

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS chronic pain is a public health crisis affecting 50 million Americans and costs the nation an estimated \$635 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages, and lost productivity

WHEREAS pain is the number one reason Americans seek out medical care and the leading cause of long-term disability

WHEREAS the U.S. Pain Foundation recognizes that chronic pain impacts almost every aspect of a person's life, and impacts the individual's family members, caregivers, and loved ones, which is why the organization's mission is to educate, empower, support, and advocate for adults and children with chronic pain and their caregivers

WHEREAS increased awareness about the effects of chronic pain result in better outcomes, increased access to effective pain care, and empowerment and validation for those living with pain

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Stromberg, Mayor of the City of Ashland, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as

PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Ashland. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the city of Ashland to be affixed.

Signed this ___ day of _____, 2019

John Stromberg, Mayor

Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder