



CITY OF BLAINE

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NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY October 15, 2020

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, work in, deliver in, have a child die in, or a bury a child in our community; and

Whereas, Several City of Blaine employees have experienced loss and we would like to honor and remember their children; and

Whereas, Infants Remembered In Silence (IRIS) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization was founded 1987, 33 years ago, to offer support for parents whose child/children died from miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, stillbirth, neo-natal death, birth defects, sudden unexplained death of a child (SUDC), sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), 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 candle lighting at 7 pm. Some will remember their child/children in their homes while others will remember them in small gatherings around the state, across the nation and around the world; and this 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 requests that October 15th, 2020 be recognized as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Blaine to be affixed this 3rd day of September 2020.

Mayor Tom Ryan, City of Blaine, Minnesota