

Proclamation

Whereas, the World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease and according to the CDC, one in eight couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and

Whereas, infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic level; and

Whereas, the LGBTQ community also faces challenges when building their families; and

Whereas, all people challenged in their family building journey should have access to all family building options; and

Whereas, family building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction, but the cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many to access the option they need; and

Whereas, raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers; and

Whereas, Renton joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community in promoting awareness of infertility;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim April 24 through April 30, 2022 to be

National Infertility Awareness Week

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 25th day of April, 2022.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington

