



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred Lott, City Manager

SUBJECT: Apraxia Awareness Month
Proclamation P-9-22

DATE: 04/28/2022

Proclamation P-9-22 recognizes May 2022 as Apraxia Awareness Month in the City of Bowie in support of the many children who have been diagnosed with childhood apraxia of speech.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20220502 - Proclamation P-9-22

PROCLAMATION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
RECOGNIZING MAY 2022 AS APRAXIA AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE CITY OF BOWIE

WHEREAS, childhood apraxia of speech causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children; and

WHEREAS, the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, but those with apraxia endure a lengthy struggle; and

WHEREAS, without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia are laced at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills; and

WHEREAS, these primary and secondary impacts diminish future independence and employment opportunities if not resolves or improved; and

WHEREAS, it is important to generate greater public awareness of childhood apraxia of speech in Maryland among community members, physicians, education professionals, policy makers, and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie, Maryland recognizes these children, as well as their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland hereby recognizes May 2022 as Apraxia Awareness Month in the City of Bowie and stands with children who are impacted by childhood apraxia of speech and the families supporting them.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on May 2, 2022.

Attest:

Timothy J. Adams, Mayor

Awilda Hernandez, City Clerk