

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* The week of April 20th through 26th, 2025 is National Infertility Awareness Week. According to the CDC, 1 in 7 women have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and,
- Whereas,* The World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and
- Whereas,* Infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level. The LGBTQ community also faces challenges when building their families; and,
- Whereas,* Some people become infertile due to a medical treatment for another condition, most often chemotherapy or radiation for cancer; and,
- Whereas,* Family building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and,
- Whereas,* Cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in our own community of Stow and State of Ohio to access the family building 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,* Stow, Ohio joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community by participating in this promotion.

NOW, THEREFORE I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, Ohio do hereby proclaim April 20-26th, 2025 National Infertility Awareness Week.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 24th day of April, 2025.



Mayor John Pribonic