

PROCLAMATION

BY MAYOR JOEL GREER

WHEREAS, Non-Ketotic Hyperglycinemia (NKH) Awareness Day, also known as NKH Crusaders Worldwide Awareness Day, is observed on May 2nd to raise awareness about this rare, genetic disorder.; and

WHEREAS, Non-ketotic hyperglycinemia (NKH) is a rare, genetic disorder that affects one child in every 60,000. It's caused by an inability to break down glycine, an amino acid, leading to its buildup in the body, particularly in the brain.; and

WHEREAS, Awareness of NKH is so important because it can have varying severities, with some forms leading to frequent seizures, immobility, and developmental delays. Raising awareness helps families and healthcare professionals recognize the signs and symptoms early, which can improve outcomes.; and

WHEREAS, The NKH Crusaders, a group dedicated to raising awareness and supporting families affected by NKH, hold a Worldwide NKH Awareness Day on May 2nd; and

WHEREAS, Signs of NKH can include sleeping longer or more often, weak muscle tone, wandering eye movements, abnormal jerky movements, difficulty feeding, difficulty breathing, and developmental delays; and

WHEREAS, NKH is inherited in an autosomal recessive pattern, meaning both copies of the gene in each cell have mutations.; and

WHEREAS, The condition can vary in severity, with more severe forms resulting in frequent seizures, immobility, and global developmental delay; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, Joel T.S. Greer, Mayor of Marshalltown, hereby declared and designated May 2nd, as

"NKH Awareness Day"

in the City of Marshalltown, Iowa, and encourage all residents to recognize our local community affected by Non-Ketotic Hyperglycinemia.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my seal to be affixed on this 2nd day of May 2025.

Joel T.S. Greer, Mayor
City of Marshalltown

A blue ink signature of the name "Joel T.S. Greer" over a horizontal line.