

PROCLAMATION

DEAF HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, National Deaf History Month celebrates the contributions and accomplishments of people who are deaf and hard of hearing and recognize the work our predecessors have done and paths they have paved; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 1817, The American School for the Deaf, the first public permanent school for Deaf children in the United States, was opened. On April 8, 1864, Gallaudet University, the first institution of higher education for the deaf and hard of hearing, was officially founded; and

WHEREAS, this month is a time to continue to raise awareness about the inequities faced by members of these communities, and advocate for the rights of all deaf and hard of hearing persons; and

WHEREAS, our community is stronger when everyone is included. We believe in the unlimited potential for all our citizens, including those who are Deaf and hard of hearing, to live, work, and thrive in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, I, Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor of the City of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as Deaf History Month, and encourage all residents to learn from, honor, and celebrate the history, language, and contributions of Deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kaukauna to be affixed this 8th of April 2026.

CITY OF KAUKAUNA



Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor

