



Proclamation

City of Owatonna

- Whereas** Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS) and many other nonprofit organizations work with thousands of parents all over Minnesota and across the United States who have experienced the death of a child during pregnancy through early childhood; and
- Whereas** Many of these parents live in, deliver in, have a child die in, or have buried a child in our community; and
- Whereas** Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. a 501 c(3) nonprofit organization was founded in 1987, 34 years ago to offer support to parents whose child/children died from miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, stillbirth, neo-natal death, birth defects, sudden unexplained death of a child (SUDC), sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), illness, accidents, and all other types of infants and early childhood death; and
- Whereas,** Bereaved parents around the world remember their children annually on October 15th with a candle lighting at 7 p.m. Some will remember their child/children in their homes while others will remember them in small gatherings around the state, across the nation and around the world; and this would unify these parents in tribute to their children; and
- Whereas** In 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month; and
- Whereas** In honor of the thousands of children that die each year in Minnesota, Infants Remembered in Silence, Inc. (IRIS) respectfully request that October 15th, 2021 be recognized.

NOW THEREFORE I, Thomas A Kuntz, Mayor of the Great City of Owatonna, do hereby proclaim the 15th Day of October, 2020 to be:

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day

Declared this 5th day of October, 2021.

By: _____
Thomas A. Kuntz, Mayor