

proclamation

Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month | March 2024

WHEREAS, considered rare, bleeding disorders that include hemophilia and von Willebrand disease are characterized by the blood not clotting normally due to the lack of a clotting proteins, also known as clotting factors; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, more than 20,000 individuals live with hemophilia and rare bleeding disorders, with 6,000 of them living in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of a bleeding disorder include unexplained and excessive bleeding, large or deep bruising, nosebleeds, and bleeding into joints, muscles and soft tissues, and extended bleeding with incidences such as an injury or trauma, menstruation, surgery or dental procedures; and

WHEREAS, established in 1948, the National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF) is an organization for all people with bleeding disorders and dedicated to its mission of finding better treatments and cures for inheritable bleeding disorders, and in preventing the complications of these disorders through education, advocacy and research.

WHEREAS, they also offer quality of life programs serving the bleeding disorders community such as medically-supervised camps, scholarships, advocacy efforts, emergency financial assistance and more; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1996, the Hemophilia Foundation of Greater Florida supports the bleeding disorder community throughout the state, and its mission is to improve the quality of life for people with the condition and their families through education, information and referral services, advocacy, support and research.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phillip M. Anderson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **March 2024** as “**Bleeding Disorder Awareness Month**” in Winter Park, Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 28th day of February 2024.

Phillip M. Anderson
Mayor