

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK, FEBRUARY 7-14, 2013

WHEREAS, Congenital heart defects are the most frequently occurring birth defect and the leading cause of birth defect related deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Over a million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, Every year 40,000 babies are born in the United States with congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, Many of these babies will not live to see their first birthday and many die before they reach adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth; and

WHEREAS, Undiagnosed congenital heart conditions cause many cases of sudden cardiac death in youth athletes; and

WHEREAS, Despite these statistics, newborn and young athletes are not routinely screened for congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, A disproportionately small amount of funding is available for congenital heart defect research and support; and

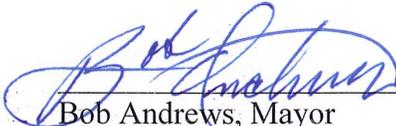
WHEREAS, In the United States, twice as many children die from congenital heart defects each year than from all forms of childhood cancer combined, yet funding for pediatric cancer research is five times higher than funding for congenital heart defects; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for affected families to celebrate life, remember loved ones lost, honor dedicated health professionals, and raise public awareness about congenital heart defects.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Newberg, our organization supports Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week during February 7-14, 2013.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Newberg to be affixed on this 29th day of January, 2013.




Bob Andrews, Mayor