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**City of Hoyt Lakes
Proclamation
Recognizing National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day**

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 a bury a child in our community; and

WHEREAS, IRIS a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations was founded in 1987, 30 years ago, to support parents whose child/children died from miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, stillbirth, neo-natal death, Sudden Unexplained Death of a Child (SUDC), Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), birth defects, 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 15 with a candle lighting at 7:00 pm. 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 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, IRIS respectfully requests that October 15th, 2017 be recognized as Pregnancy and Infants Loss Remembrance Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mark Skelton, Mayor of the City of Hoyt Lakes do hereby proclaim October 15, 2017 as Pregnancy and Infants Loss Remembrance Day in the City of Hoyt Lakes.

Mark Skelton, Mayor