



City of St. Charles

ILLINOIS

Proclamation

PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH - MAY 2018

PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS DAY - JUNE 3, 2018

WHEREAS, **preeclampsia** is a dangerous condition of pregnancy that can, in its severest form, lead to maternal and/or infant mortality or premature birth with significant health risks for the mother and baby; and

WHEREAS, more than 350,000 cases of **preeclampsia** are diagnosed in America every year with 25% classified as severe; and

WHEREAS, every 6 minutes of every day in America, a pregnant woman and her baby face life threatening consequences because of **preeclampsia**; and

WHEREAS, globally, **preeclampsia** and other hypertensive disorders of pregnancy are a leading cause of maternal and infant illness and death, with conservative estimates claiming these disorders are responsible for 76,000 maternal and 500,000 infant deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, public awareness of the symptoms of **preeclampsia** (spikes in maternal blood pressure, sudden swelling of face, feet, and hands, severe upper abdominal pain, blurred vision) can help women recognize the condition and seek appropriate medical care; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Illinois have joined with the **Preeclampsia Foundation** to raise public awareness in order to minimize maternal and infant illness and death due to preeclampsia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, RAYMOND ROGINA, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, do hereby proclaim May as "**Preeclampsia Awareness Month**" and June 3, 2018, to be "**Preeclampsia Awareness Day**" in the City of St. Charles and applaud the Preeclampsia Foundation's mission to reduce maternal and infant illness and death due to preeclampsia and other hypertensive disorders of pregnancy. Along with the Preeclampsia Foundation, the City of St. Charles envisions a world where preeclampsia no longer threatens the lives of mothers and babies.

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Raymond P. Rogina
Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor