

Proclamation

Whereas, on August 6, 2012, **Jack Ariola Erenberg** lost his life at the young age of nine years old;

Whereas, Jack was a normal child with many friends and relatives who enjoyed outdoor sports activities including swimming;

Whereas, in early August of 2012 Jack was swimming in the warm waters of Lily Lake near his home in Stillwater, Minnesota;

Whereas, days later Jack died, his brain ravaged by primary amoebic meningoencephalitis, also known as PAM an infection caused by a microscopic amoeba;

Whereas, PAM is an extremely rare infection only 123 cases have been recorded in the United States since 1962;

Whereas, the parasite that causes it, *Naegleria fowleri*, is quite common. It's found in the soil and in freshwater lakes during the summer but can also survive in inadequately chlorinated swimming pools or dirty tap water;

Whereas, the parasite can infect the brain if in water that then enters through the nose;


Whereas, it is in the public interest to be aware of the potential dangers which can be present when participating in water activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will Rossbach, the Mayor of the City of Maplewood City Council due hereby proclaim in an effort to make the public aware of the dangers of PAM that today October 18, 2012 will be "Jack's Day". A day of remembrance and reflection and a day to kick off the education of the public so that other families will not have to suffer the loss of a loved and cherished family member;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Maplewood to be affixed this 18th day of October, 2012.


Mayor Will Rossbach

ATTEST:


City Clerk, Karen Guilfoile

