

PROCLAMATION
National Aphasia Awareness Month

WHEREAS, aphasia is an acquired language disorder that affects a person's ability to communicate through speaking, understanding language, reading, or writing, while leaving intelligence intact; and

WHEREAS, aphasia is most commonly caused by stroke, but may also result from traumatic brain injury, brain tumors, or progressive neurological diseases; and

WHEREAS, approximately two million people in the United States are living with aphasia, including thousands of residents of Ann Arbor and the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, individuals with aphasia often face significant barriers to communication, employment, healthcare access, and community participation; and

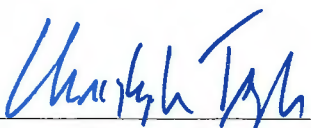
WHEREAS, increased public awareness and understanding of aphasia can reduce stigma, promote inclusion, and support communication access for all individuals; and

WHEREAS, National Aphasia Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to recognize the resilience of people with aphasia, honor their families and care partners, and highlight the importance of accessible communication in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2026 as National Aphasia Awareness Month in Ann Arbor, and I encourage all community members to learn more about aphasia and support individuals living with communication disabilities.



*I hereby set my hand and seal
this 1st day of June 2026*



Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor