



## *City of Washington, Illinois Proclamation*

**Whereas**, Amyloidosis is a rare disease that affects approximately 10,000 people in the United States, 500 of whom live in Illinois; and

**Whereas**, an abnormal protein that travels through the bloodstream, is deposited as amyloid in various organs, including the heart, nervous system, intestines, and kidneys, causing the organs to fail over time; and

**Whereas**, the medial length of survival for an amyloidosis patient who does not receive treatment is less than 3 years; and

**Whereas**, there have been advances in the treatment that have extended life expectancy, but currently, there are no drugs approved for the reversal of damage to organs; and

**Whereas**, many patients go undiagnosed every year, and special initiatives, such as this resolution can raise public awareness and save lives, and

**Now, Therefore, I, Gary W. Manier, Mayor of the City of Washington, Illinois**, on behalf of the Washington City Council, join with special organizations, healthcare professionals and amyloidosis patients and their families across the country to proclaim the month of March as

***“Amyloidosis Awareness Month”***

**PROCLAIMED** this 4th day of March, 2024

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Gary W. Manier, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Valeri L Brod, City Clerk