

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, the annual incidence of spinal cord injury (SCI) is approximately 12,500 new cases each year in the United States, with more than 250 being here in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, anyone can suffer from a spinal cord injury, and more than 25,000 individuals in Wisconsin have SCI and over 300,000 individuals in Wisconsin have mobility impairments, and the therapy required and care for these individuals can vary greatly; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 337,000 people in the USA are living with chronic SCI, caused by a trauma and 100,000 of those individuals are veterans who were impacted by spinal cord injury while serving as members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Madison SCI, a chapter of the United Spinal Association, offers education, resources, and support and is committed to enriching the lives of people including our veterans who have been impacted by SCI and mobility impairments; Madison SCI members include people who have incurred paralysis due to a spinal cord injury or a disability due to related chronic conditions, and also their families and friends, healthcare and rehabilitation professionals, policy makers, and corporations; and

WHEREAS, spinal cord injury research benefits not only the paralyzed, it also has the potential to discover cures for other diseases such as strokes, Alzheimer's, Huntington's, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's, post-polio syndrome, transverse myelitis, traumatic brain injury, and many other traumas and diseases of the central nervous system. Increased awareness, education, resources and the investment in research here in Wisconsin is needed to continue to improve the quality of life for individuals with spinal cord injuries and related chronic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of local, regional and national organizations, researchers, doctors, volunteers, and individuals that are working to improve the quality of life for individuals, family and friends impacted by SCI is to be commended; and

WHEREAS, Madison SCI is recognizing September 2015 as Spinal Cord Awareness Month.

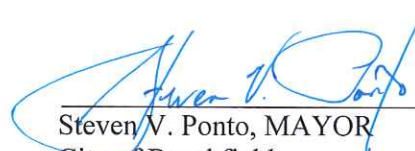
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven V. Ponto, Mayor of the City of Brookfield, do hereby proclaim, the Month of September 2015, as

## SPINAL CORD AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Brookfield, Wisconsin and urge all citizens to join in this observance.



Signed and sealed this 18th day of May,  
Two Thousand Fifteen

  
Steven V. Ponto, MAYOR  
City of Brookfield