

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Canavan Research Illinois is an Illinois nonprofit corporation established in April 2000 to meet a critical need to support medical research to treat, cure, and improve the quality of lives of all children battling Canavan disease, a rare, fatal genetic neurological disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of the victims of Canavan disease do not reach their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, facing the loss of all motor functions, blindness, paralysis, feeding tubes and eventual disintegration of the brain, at which point they fall into a vegetative state from which they cannot recover; and

**WHEREAS**, Canavan Research Illinois is an all volunteer charity dedicated to raising funds to support cutting edge research, increase public awareness, and provide a network for Canavan families; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 13, 2007, Canavan Research Illinois will hold the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Canavan Charity Ball at the Hyatt Hotel in Deerfield;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN M. HARRIS**, Mayor of the Village of Deerfield, do hereby resolve that October, 2007, is **Canavan Disease Awareness Month** in Deerfield and encourage all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities to raise awareness of Canavan disease and to improve the quality of life of those who are battling this disease.

**PROCLAIMED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, A.D. 2007.



  
STEVEN M. HARRIS, Mayor