

October 2009

WHEREAS, Canavan disease (CD) is a relatively rare, but always fatal, inherited, degenerative brain disorder that primarily affects children of eastern and central European descent; and

WHEREAS, the severity and life expectancy of children with Canavan disease varies with some children who die in the first year of life while others survive beyond their teens; and

WHEREAS, these innocent children face many physical challenges; and

WHEREAS, in April 2000, an Illinois nonprofit corporation was established under the name of Canavan Research Illinois to meet a critical need to support medical research and to treat, cure, and improve the quality of lives of all children battling this rare disorder; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2009, Canavan Research Illinois will hold its 11th Annual Canavan Charity Ball at the Hyatt Deerfield Hotel, featuring dinner, dancing and silent auction. All funds raised will go towards medical research to cure this neurodegenerative disease that affects children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM SCHWANTZ, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2009 as **CANAVAN DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH** in the Village of Palatine and applaud Canavan Research Illinois for their efforts in raising the public's awareness of Canavan disease and for improving the quality of life of those children who are battling this disease.

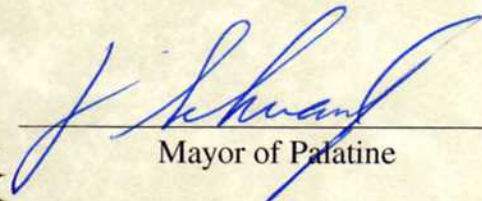
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Village Clerk





Mayor of Palatine