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PROCLAMATION

Whereas: The annual incidence of spinal cord injury (SCI) is approximately 12,000 new cases each year in the United States each year with more than 250 being here in Wisconsin; and

Whereas: Anyone can suffer from a spinal cord injury, and more than 23,000 individuals in Wisconsin have SCI, and the therapy required and care for these individuals can vary greatly; and

Whereas: An estimated 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 National SCI Association, offers education, resources, and support and is committed to enriching the lives of people including our veterans who have been impacted by spinal cord injury or paralysis. Madison SCI members include not only people who have incurred paralysis or disability due to a spinal cord injury and related conditions, but also their families and friends, healthcare and rehabilitation professionals, policy makers, and corporations.

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. There is a need for increased awareness, education, resources and the investment in research here in Wisconsin to continue to improve the quality of life for individuals with spinal cord injuries; 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 2014 as Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month.

Now therefore, I Thomas Mlada, Mayor of City of Port Washington, do hereby proclaim September 2014 to be Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month in Port Washington, Wisconsin, and I encourage individuals and businesses in our state to join in this observance and get involved in this effort.

Tom Mlada July 29, 2014
Thomas Mlada, Mayor