

## Office of the Mayor



# Proclamation

### SEPSIS AWARENESS September 2024

- Whereas,** September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month by Sepsis Alliance to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and
- Whereas,** according to the CDC, sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes 350,000 adult lives every year in the United States – more than from the devastating health crises of prostate cancer, breast cancer, and opioid overdose combined; and
- Whereas,** each year, more than 75,000 children in the United States develop severe sepsis and 6,800 of these children die; and
- Whereas,** communities that have historically lacked access to high-quality healthcare, including some communities of color and individuals experiencing poverty, experience a disproportionate burden of sepsis-related suffering; and
- Whereas,** sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the United States, at \$62 billion annually; and
- Whereas,** sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and often experience after-effects such as amputations (14,000 per year in the United States) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; and
- Whereas,** sepsis is the second-leading cause of pregnancy-related mortality in the United States – and the United States has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the industrialized world; and
- Whereas,** the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is steadily increasing the frequency of sepsis cases, and making effective sepsis treatment more difficult; and
- Whereas,** despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that less than 15% of U.S. adults can identify the symptoms of sepsis; and
- Whereas,** the signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME," which stands for "Temperature," "Infection," "Mental decline," and "Extremely ill"; and
- Whereas,** awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors, as the risk of mortality from sepsis increases by 4-9% for every hour treatment is delayed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as Sepsis Awareness Month.**

Dated: September 1, 2024

  
Stephen Dalina, Mayor