

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS  
**PROCLAMATION**

**BEYOND CHARITY RECOGNITION  
OCTOBER 5, 2021**

- WHEREAS,** Aparna Ramakrishnan started Beyond Charity, and with the help of her peers was able to start a 501(c)(3) to educate students on mental health and effective coping strategies by sharing members' own mental health journeys in the United States, Illinois and the City of Naperville; and
- WHEREAS,** today there are more than 20 members who volunteer their time with Beyond Charity and they have educated more than 11,000 students in Naperville and internationally, with dozens of presentations and partnering with numerous international organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** Beyond Charity has worked with Representative Mussman and Representative Yang-Rohr to create, draft and pass HB1778, which mandates that schools that serve pupils in grades 6 through 12 include suicide prevention information on the back of student identification cards; and
- WHEREAS,** members and students worldwide unite under the saying "It's okay to not be okay today" to continue removing the stigma around mental health and support their peers.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Steve Chirico, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby recognize and thank

**BEYOND CHARITY**  
**for their outstanding achievements in the Naperville community**

and further commend this compassionate group of students for providing valuable peer support and kindness to others for the prevention of suicide.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this 5th day of October 2021.



Steve Chirico, Mayor