

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

**NAPERVILLE SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY
NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

WHEREAS, Special Olympics is a global sports movement that unleashes the human spirit every day around the world through the transformative power and joy of sport. Special Olympics is tackling the inactivity, stigma, isolation, and injustice that people with intellectual disabilities face; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics delivers high-quality training and competition in an inclusive culture through unified sports for people with and without intellectual disabilities to play on the same field; and

WHEREAS, with the oath **“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt”**, Special Olympics is a global movement of people creating a new world of inclusion and community, regardless of ability or disability. It is the world’s largest sports organization of children and adults with intellectual disabilities providing year-round training and activities to over five million participants in 172 countries; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics Illinois is a community of over 55,000 athletes, volunteers, coaches, young athletes, and unified partners. Special Olympics Illinois provides leadership opportunities for athletes and families to spread the message, power and joy in our civic and corporate communities; and

WHEREAS, Naperville School Districts 203 and 204 and our Community Partners participate in the Special Olympics Illinois program through basketball, bowling, track & field, swimming and soccer. and are supported by coaches, one on one aide, and peer helpers. Each year, athletes qualify to compete at state and proudly represent the City of Naperville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Wehrli, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim this day as **“Naperville Special Olympics Day”** with appreciation and heartfelt congratulations of all the work Special Olympics has done in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this 19th day of November 2024.



Scott Wehrli, Mayor

