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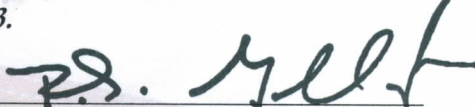
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** *A scald injury occurs when contact with hot liquid or steam damages layers of the skin and nearly half or all burn injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms are scald injuries; and,*
- WHEREAS,** *The most frequent scald injury victims are young children, older adults, and persons with disabilities, with about 60% being young children; and,*
- WHEREAS,** *Young children are at risk because they are curious and want to imitate adults but have a limited understanding of the danger they face and a limited ability to react quickly. They have thinner skin and incur deeper burns; and,*
- WHEREAS,** *Older adults are at risk because they have thin skin resulting in deeper burns, they have limited mobility and agility and may have reduced ability to feel heat due to health conditions or medication; and,*
- WHEREAS,** *Scalding injuries can be prevented by increasing public awareness of the need to make household changes to create better safety zones, take everyday precautions to reduce the risk of scalding, and provide appropriate supervision to vulnerable household members who are at greatest risk of scald injuries;*
- NOW
THEREFORE,** *I, Robert Gallagher, Mayor of the City of Bettendorf, proclaim May, 2013 to be:*

SCALD AWARENESS MONTH

In the City of Bettendorf and urge the Public to be aware of the causes of scalding and support prevention efforts that can reduce the number of incidents.

Proclaimed this 7th day of May, 2013.


Robert S. Gallagher, Mayor

