

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
DECLARING CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK
IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE
FEBRUARY 7, 2013 TO FEBRUARY 14, 2013**

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defects are the most common type of birth defect in America, affecting one out of every 100 babies born and leading to thousands of deaths annually; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defects may not be diagnosed until months or years after birth; and

WHEREAS, most athletes, children and newborns are not routinely screened for Congenital Heart Defects and undiagnosed Heart Defects can cause sudden cardiac arrest in young athletes; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defects often require lifelong medical care, multiple surgeries and preventative measures to maintain a working heart and healthy body; and

WHEREAS, the mortality rates from Congenital Heart Defects has dropped nearly 40 percent in the past 18 years, proving that increased awareness of Congenital Heart Defects is essential in preventing thousands of deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, research for Congenital Heart Defects continues to be under-funded in the United States with only a fraction of a penny of every dollar the government spends on medical research being directed toward Congenital Heart Defect research; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week is observed February 7-14, 2013 to increase public awareness and education about these defects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Coleman, Mayor of the City of Pflugerville, do hereby proclaim the week of February 7, 2013 to February 14, 2013 as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week in the City of Pflugerville.

In Witness Whereof, I cause the Official Seal of the City of Pflugerville to be affixed this 12th day of February 2013.

Jeff Coleman, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Thompson, City Secretary