

# A PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, the City of Ashland, and the surrounding areas, value and recognize that while it costs nothing to **#BeKind** to others, the dividends of that effort will last a lifetime.

**Whereas**, research shows that strong relationships are at least as important for our personal health as avoiding smoking or obesity and a simple focus to **#BeKind** immediately strengthens bonds among students, school and community stakeholders.

**Whereas**, Ashland, area students, leaders, Mayor, City Council, School Board, and Superintendent have set the goal to encourage and expect daily acts to **#BeKind** in all of the following places: K-12 School District, Police Department, Fire Department, City Hall, and all City Support Services.


**Whereas**, students, school professionals, mayor and city officials, police officers, firefighters, city employees, community members, and families understand a stronger, healthier community free of bullying and harassment that embraces diversity at all levels is achievable, if we all commit to **#BeKind** all of the time.

**Recognizing**, the parents, teachers, students, elected officials, community leaders, and all stakeholders have a strong commitment to pay compassion, care, and acceptance forward with a simple decision to **#BeKind**.

**Be it resolved** that the City of Ashland, City Council, Mayor and staff recognizes August 24, 2018 as **#BeKind** Day.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018



  
Richard Grauerholz, Mayor