

# PROCLAMATION

## *City of Keller*

*WHEREAS, February is Rare Disease Month and February 15th is International Angelman Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness and funding for Angelman Syndrome (AS); and*

*WHEREAS, AS is a neuro-genetic disorder first identified by an English pediatrician, Dr. Harry Angelman, in 1965 that affects all races and genders equally; and*

*WHEREAS, one in fifteen thousand live births or five hundred thousand people worldwide are affected by AS, and individuals diagnosed with AS will require life-long care; and*

*WHEREAS, due to common symptoms and characteristics of other disorders such as autism and cerebral palsy, fifty percent of individuals with AS are originally misdiagnosed; and*

*WHEREAS, the Angelman Syndrome Foundation, established in 1990, is dedicated to funding research geared toward treatments and an eventual cure, and connecting families and professionals interested in AS; and*

*WHEREAS, early diagnosis and intervention are beneficial when AS is suspected and diagnosis can now be accomplished within the first year after birth by a physician familiar with Angelman syndrome.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Armin R. Mizani, Mayor of the City of Keller, Texas, and on behalf of our City Council and citizens, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2023, as*

## **“International Angelman Day”**

*in the City of Keller, Texas, and encourage all members of our community to learn more about this and other disorders and the impacts they have on our friends, loved ones, neighbors, and co-workers.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Keller, Texas, to be affixed on this the 7th day of February 2023.*

*Armin R. Mizani, Mayor  
City of Keller*