## **PROCLAMATION**

## City of Keller

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and acquired brain injury (ABI) are leading causes of injury-related death and disability in the United States and in Texas; and

WHEREAS, an average of 144,000 Texans are affected by TBI's each year, which are often caused by falls, impacts to the head, or another penetrating injury to the head that temporarily or permanently disrupts the normal functions of the brain; and

WHEREAS, there are a large number of mild and moderate traumatic brain injuries that go undiagnosed or untreated; and

WHEREAS the seriousness of TBI and ABI is extremely far-ranging, and the impact they cause can be devastating, including post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, chronic pain, thoughts of suicide, communication problems, vision problems, abandonment, isolation, anosmia and much more; and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injuries may result in impairment of cognitive abilities, physical functioning, and behavioral or emotional wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, individuals who sustain a traumatic brain injury require extensive support by providers and others with a thorough understanding of traumatic brain injury and its related issues so that those affected may live an independent lifestyle and meet their life-long goals; and

WHEREAS, TBI One Love in cooperation with various partners within the brain injury community are committed to enhancing the lives of those living with traumatic brain injuries by providing education, awareness, and support on the issue of brain injuries.

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 May 2023 as:

## "Brain Injury Awareness Month"

in the City of Keller, Texas, and urge all citizens to learn about brain injury awareness, prevention, invisible disability & to extend support for individuals that have been touched by a brain injury.

