



Whereas May 14, 2025, marks Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, during which awareness will be raised about childhood apraxia of speech, an extremely challenging speech disorder that affects 1 in 1,000 children; and

Whereas childhood apraxia of speech causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak, and is among the most severe speech deficits in children; and

Whereas the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, while those with apraxia require early, appropriate, and intensive speech therapy, often for many years; and

Whereas without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills and are at a high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills; and

Whereas primary and secondary impacts diminish future independence, employment opportunities, and challenge the ability to become productive, contributing citizens if not resolved or improved; and

Whereas public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech is essential for children with this neurological disorder, as well as the professionals who support them, to achieve the required services to use their own voice; and

Whereas our highest respect goes to these children and families for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

Therefore be it resolved that I, Mayor Jeff Jordan, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2025, as Apraxia Awareness Day in Grimsby, and citizens of Grimsby and surrounding areas are encouraged to work within their communities to increase awareness and understanding of childhood apraxia of speech.



J.A. Jordan, Mayor
April 14, 2025