

# Proclamation

## Gastroschisis Awareness Day

**Whereas**, there are 1 in 2,229 individuals born with gastroschisis in the United States; and

**Whereas**, this disease may affect small numbers of people, gastroschisis affects many Americans; and

**Whereas**, many Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected including but not limited to failure to thrive, slow growth, multiple organ transplants and long term feeding issues; and

**Whereas**, individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options, and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and

**Whereas**, the cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, patients and their families must bear a large share of the burden for things such as raising funds for research; and

**Whereas**, residents of Clayton, North Carolina are among those affected by gastroschisis; and

**Whereas**, an official Awareness Day proclamation is often the precursor to funding for research and other avenues of support; and

**Whereas**, Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF) organized a nationwide observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day that began July 30, 2013, with ever year thereafter; and

**Whereas**, the founder of Avery's Angels son, Avery John Rauen, passed away from complications of his gastroschisis on July 30, 2009 at UNC hospital, and this date is to commemorate him as well as all others living with or deceased from gastroschisis.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Clayton Town Council hereby recognize July 30, 2016 as Gastroschisis Awareness Day.

Duly adopted this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016 while in regular session.



Jody L. McLeod  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly A. Moffett, CMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk