



**PROCLAMATION
ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, academic achievement is something for which every community strives and regular and consistent attendance is essential to student achievement, and

WHEREAS, chronic absence, missing 10% of school days or more of school for any reason, is a well-established predictor of academic struggle for students of any age, as well as a powerful predictor of school dropout, it weakens our communities and our local economy, and

WHEREAS, during the 2014 – 2015 school year approximately 9% of students in the Greater Omaha Metropolitan Area were chronically absent; totaling more than 9,000 students missing more than 20 days of school, and

WHEREAS, all students are impacted by chronic absence, as teachers spend significant class time reviewing material missed by absent students, and

WHEREAS, reducing chronic absence takes commitment, collaboration, and tailored approaches to particular challenges and strengths in each community, and

WHEREAS, chronic absence can be significantly reduced when schools, families, and communities work together to monitor and promote attendance and address barriers to such, and

WHEREAS, the GOALS Center strives to improve attendance through voluntary programming, in collaboration with schools and communities, for students with school attendance concerns or barriers and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas Kindig, Mayor of the City of La Vista, do hereby proclaim our city will stand with the nation in recognizing September as **ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of La Vista to be affixed this 2nd day of August, 2016.

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk