

Metropolitan Government of Nashville
and Davidson County



Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in seven women have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and

WHEREAS, infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community also faces challenges when building their families; and

WHEREAS, some individuals become infertile due to medical treatment for other conditions, most often chemotherapy or radiation for cancer; and

WHEREAS, family-building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and third-party reproduction; and

WHEREAS, cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many Nashvillians in accessing the family-building options they need; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family-building community is the first step to removing these barriers; and

WHEREAS, the city of Nashville joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family-building community by participating in this awareness campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Freddie O'Connell, tenth Mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026 as

NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

in Nashville, Tennessee, and urge all Nashvillians to join me in this observance.

*I have herunto set my hand on
this 18th day of March 2026*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Freddie O'Connell".

*Freddie O'Connell
Mayor*

