

Office of the Mayor
City of Sheboygan

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** January is National Mentoring Month, celebrating the benefits of youth mentoring across the country and locally we recognize Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sheboygan County, Boys & Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County, Horizons4Girls, and other organizations for their youth mentoring efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** Every day in Sheboygan and communities across the country, caring adults volunteer their time with mentoring programs to create consistent and supportive relationships with young people. At its most basic level, mentoring is successful in real life because it guarantees young people have an adult to turn to and that they have a guiding hand to help them in dealing with day-to-day challenges. At a more complex level, there is a powerful mentoring effect that ultimately makes our communities stronger; and
- WHEREAS,** Quality mentoring programs are proven to build relationships that help improve school attendance and academic achievement, promote responsible decision-making, and provide skills to better navigate relationships at school, socially, and at home; and
- WHEREAS,** A report by *MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership* found that young adults who were at risk for not completing high school but who had a mentor were: 55% more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor, 81% more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities, more than twice as likely to say they held a leadership position in a club or sports team, and 78% more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Mentoring programs have shown to be effective in combating school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration, and truancy.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mike Vandersteen, Mayor of the City of Sheboygan do hereby declare January 2021

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

in Sheboygan and call upon public officials, business and community leaders, and educators, and encourage all residents of the City of Sheboygan to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs in order to recognize the men and women who serve as staff and volunteers at local mentoring programs and who help our young people find inner strength and reach their full potential.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Sheboygan to be affixed. Done this fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty one.



MAYOR MIKE VANDERSTEEN

