

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 17-1254 Recognizing November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Caregiver Month

WHEREAS, Colorado is observing National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness and National Caregiver Month during November; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder that tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 5.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, 69,000 in our state alone; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S., and this fatal disease is a serious and growing threat to the health of our world; and

WHEREAS, the human cost of Alzheimer's disease is staggering and in Colorado there were 244,000 caregivers providing unpaid care at a value of \$3.5 billion in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost to our country in total payments for healthcare, long-term care, and hospice for people with Alzheimer's disease is \$259 billion; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association, Latinos are 1.5 times more likely to develop Alzheimer's than older whites due to conditions like high blood pressure and diabetes which increase the risk of developing Alzheimer's, while African-Americans are twice as likely; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver recognizes the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their care partners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council proclaims November 2017 as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Caregiver Month.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Gene Sobczak, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 6, 2017

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Alan B...', written over a horizontal line.

PRESIDENT