

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 13-0641 Recognizing September as World Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, the nation and the state of Colorado is observing World Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month during September; 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 5.2 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, 72,000 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 231,000 caregivers providing unpaid care at a value of \$3.2 billion in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual cost to our country in total payments for healthcare, long-term care, and hospice for people with Alzheimer's disease was \$203 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Alzheimer's Association, Latinos are 1.5 percent 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; 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 September 2013 as World Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, and asks that all residents move the cause forward by joining the Walk to End Alzheimer's in City Park on Saturday, September 21, 2013.

**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 Linda Mitchell, President and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 16, 2013

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PRESIDENT