

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 19-1263 Recognizing November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Caregiver Month**

**WHEREAS**, in 1983, President Reagan designated November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and in 1997, President Clinton signed the first National Caregiver Month Presidential Proclamation recognizing and honoring family caregivers; 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, for which there is currently no prevention, treatment or cure for the 47 million people around the world living with the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, every 65 seconds someone in the United States develops the disease, which translates to 73,000 Coloradans among the nearly 6 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S., with a 145% increase in deaths from 2000 to 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of Alzheimer's extends to loved ones of those with the disease, including 252,000 Colorado caregivers who provided unpaid care at a value of over \$3.6 billion in 2018; 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 \$290 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 the disease and their care partners and bringing us closer to finding a cure.

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

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council proclaims November 2019 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 Deb Wells, Director of Operations of the Colorado Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 12, 2019

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PRESIDENT