

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 18-1293 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, 71,000 Coloradans are among the nearly 6 million Americans and 47 million people around the world living with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S., and this fatal disease, for which there is currently no prevention, treatment or cure, is a serious and growing threat to the health of our world; and

WHEREAS, the impact of Alzheimer's extends to loved ones of those with the disease, including 250,000 Colorado caregivers who provided unpaid care at a value of \$3.6 billion in 2017; 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 \$277 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 2018 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 Amelia Schafer, Executive Director of the Colorado Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 5, 2018

PRESIDENT