

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF DEMENTIA FRIENDLY, ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 11, 2019

- WHEREAS,** The City of Colorado Springs has been designated a Dementia Friendly Community; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Colorado Springs became an Age Friendly City in 2016; and
- WHEREAS,** Every 65 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's disease, a form of Dementia, and by 2050 someone will develop the disease every 33 seconds; and
- WHEREAS,** in the United States, there are 5.8 million people living with Alzheimer's disease and unless a cure is found it is estimated that as many as 14 million will have the disease by 2050; and
- WHEREAS,** Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** 73,000 people in Colorado are living with Alzheimer's or a type of dementia; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 16 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, providing over 18.5 billion hours of unpaid care, and in Colorado, more than a quarter of a million caregivers provided 287 million hours of unpaid care; and
- WHEREAS,** the Alzheimer's Association estimates the direct costs of caring for those with Alzheimer's to the United States to reach \$1 trillion by 2050; and
- WHEREAS,** numerous local partners, experts, professionals and residents are devoted to the success of the Dementia Friendly initiative, and the Alzheimer's Association raises funds and promotes awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias; and
- WHEREAS,** the city of Colorado Springs offers its support to those living with dementia, and we also recognize those who care and provide for them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Skorman, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, do hereby proclaim the day of June 11, 2019 as

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY, ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 1st day of June 2019.