



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain causing memory loss and impaired thinking, judgment and behavior;

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death for American people of all ages and the fifth leading cause for adults over age 65. Every 68 seconds someone develops Alzheimer's disease. By mid-century, someone will develop Alzheimer's every 33 seconds. It is the most common form of dementia, accounting for more than 60% of all dementias;

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Institutes of Health, an estimated 5.4 million Americans of all ages have Alzheimer's disease. This figure includes 5.2 million people ages 65 and older and 200,000 individuals under 65 who have younger-onset Alzheimer's;

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 it was estimated that 170,000 people (65 and older) in North Carolina had Alzheimer's disease, and by 2025 the estimate is projected at 210,000;

**WHEREAS**, for people in the United States with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, aggregate payments for health care, long-term care and hospice are projected to increase from \$200 billion in 2012 to \$1.1 trillion in 2050. Neither Medicare nor most private health insurance covers the long term services and support most people with dementia need;

**WHEREAS**, November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's North Carolina will be sponsoring an Alzheimer's Regional Walk on Saturday, November 17, honoring lives affected by Alzheimer's.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Allen M. Thomas, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2012, as

## **ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Greenville in recognition of the individuals, families, friends and caregivers dealing with the devastating effects of Alzheimer's disease, the researchers who are seeking a cause or causes and cure, and the educational programs and support services provided by Alzheimer's organizations.

This 24th day of September, 2012.

Allen M. Thomas, Mayor