



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a disorder that causes the gradual loss of brain cells and is the leading cause of dementia;

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease currently affects almost 4.5 million Americans – over 175,000 of those families reside in North Carolina;

WHEREAS, nearly 50% of Americans over the age of 85 have Alzheimer's disease. Statistics show by 2050, the number of Americans with Alzheimer's could range from 11.3 million to 16 million with a commensurate increase in the number of Alzheimer's caregivers;

WHEREAS, family and professional caregivers are affected by Alzheimer's disease;

WHEREAS, each year, family caregivers provide unpaid assistance to relatives who have Alzheimer's disease enabling loved ones to remain in their homes where they can stay active, participate more fully in the community, and maintain quality of life;

WHEREAS, family caregivers frequently enlist the help of friends, family and neighbors, and professional caregivers who provide daily comfort and care making Alzheimer's disease something that affects millions more;

WHEREAS, 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 nonprofits and agencies such as Alzheimer's North Carolina, Inc.; and


WHEREAS, Alzheimer's North Carolina, Inc. will be hosting an Alzheimer's Caregiver Education Conference Thursday, October 7 at St. James United Methodist Church and the Greenville Regional Alzheimer's Walk 2010 on Saturday, October 9, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2010 as

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER WEEK

in Greenville and urge all citizens to recognize the significant contributions that caregivers make throughout the year.

This 1st day of October, 2010.


Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor