

PROCLAMATION ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging — it is a progressive brain disease that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. Alzheimer's is the leading cause of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other cognitive abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 5.7 million Americans Living with Alzheimer's and by 2050 this number is projected to rise to nearly 14 million.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.

WHEREAS, someone in the United States every 65 seconds develops the disease.

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another Dementia.

WHEREAS, 16.1 Million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

WHEREAS, in 2017, these caregivers provided an estimated 18.4 Billion Hours of Care valued at over \$232 Billion.

WHEREAS, in 2018, Alzheimer's and other Dementias will cost the nation \$277 Billion.

WHEREAS, by 2050 these costs could rise as high as \$1.1 Trillion.

WHEREAS, early and accurate diagnosis could save up to \$7.9 Trillion in medical and care costs.

NOW THEREFORE, I, William Karspeck, Mayor of the Town of Berthoud, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as

Alzheimer's Awareness Month

In the Town of Berthoud.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Town of Berthoud, on this 28th day of August 2018, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Town of Berthoud to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

Town of Berthoud


Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk


William Karspeck, Mayor

