



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is an incurable and fatal brain disease that causes memory loss, disorientation, decreased judgment, and difficulty speaking; and

WHEREAS, more than 5 million Americans are now living with Alzheimer's disease, 72,000 people in Colorado alone, and 227,000 care partners provide unpaid care at home, valued at upwards of \$3 billion; and

WHEREAS, the care provided by family caregivers helps offset the impact on our community budgets at a time we can ill afford the rising cost of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, with early detection and diagnosis, individuals and families can gain access to treatment, medications, enroll in critical research trials, fully participate in planning for the future, and receive help and support from the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado's Denver office and six other locations around the state; and

WHEREAS, we need more individuals and families to know they can get help at no cost from the Alzheimer's Association and that there is hope on the horizon with advancements in research.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2012 as

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in Fort Collins.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of November, A.D. 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk