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 Juhe 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.