



City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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Deanna R. Reed
Mayor

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 2018 AS ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible and progressive brain disease that slowly erodes precious memories, thinking skills, and the ability to perform simple tasks; and

Whereas, every 65 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's, and by 2050 someone in the United States will develop the disease every 33 seconds; and

Whereas, in Virginia, over 140,000 people have Alzheimer's or related dementia; and

Whereas, in the United States, there are 5.7 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, nearly two-thirds of those with Alzheimer's disease are women; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States; and

Whereas, the Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research, with the vision of a world without Alzheimer's disease;

Whereas, The Longest Day on June 21st, a sunrise-to-sunset event symbolizing the challenging journey of those living with the disease and their caregivers, offers everyone the opportunity to get involved in the fight.

Whereas, as the city of Harrisonburg offers its support to those living with Alzheimer's disease, we also recognize those who care and provide for them, sharing their loved one's emotional, physical and financial strains. We honor their compassion, remember those we have lost, and press toward the next great scientific breakthrough

NOW THEREFORE, I, Deanna Reed, Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

GIVEN under my hand this 12th day of June, 2018.

BY: _____
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Pamela S. Ulmer, Deputy City Clerk

The Friendly City