A PROCLAMATION
AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the ten-county Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) region is home to more than 304,841 citizens aged 60 years or older; and,

WHEREAS, 1 in 9 older adults have Alzheimer’s or a related dementia and 15% of people ages 65 to 74 have Alzheimer’s disease. 43% of older adult’s from 75-84 years have Alzheimer’s and 38% of seniors aged 85 years and older may have Alzheimer’s disease; and,

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is the 6th leading cause of death among American adults and the 5th leading cause of death for people aged 65 years and older; and,

WHEREAS, about 5.3 million Americans of all ages have Alzheimer’s disease and more than 15 million people care for a loved one with the disease; and,

WHEREAS, mortality rates for Alzheimer’s disease are rising, unlike heart disease and cancer death rates that continues to decline; and,

WHEREAS, as the population in the U.S. ages, more people are at risk for Alzheimer’s disease and other age-related dementias with estimates increasing in number of diagnosed individuals 65 or older increasing from 5.1 million in 2015 to 13.8 million in 2050; and,

WHEREAS, awareness of services and supports can help people with Alzheimer’s disease and their caregivers manage the illness and control its impact on their lives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Capital Area Council of Governments declares the month of November 2015 to be Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month in the CAPCOG Region to bring awareness to the services and supports for those who are caregivers and to those who are diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease.

Resolution adopted by the Capital Area Council of Governments Executive Committee on this 14th day of October, 2015.

Mayor Marc Holm, Chairman
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Judge Bert Cobb, Secretary
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