A PROCLAMATION
AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF NOVEMBER 2015
NATIONAL CAREGIVER AWARENESS MONTH

An estimated 43.5 million adults in the U.S. provide unpaid care to an adult or a child today, according to the Caregiving in the US report 2015 completed by AARP and National Alliance for Caregiving. Family Caregivers are the backbone of the Nation’s long-term care system, providing an estimated $450 billion worth of unpaid care each year. That’s more than total Medicaid funding, and twice as much as homecare and nursing home services combined.

WHEREAS, 34.2 million of those Caregivers are caring for someone over the age of 50; and,

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s is driving the numbers up, more than 15 million family caregivers are providing care to more than 5.3 million loved ones with Alzheimer’s disease; and,

WHEREAS, the number of parents caring for children (3.7 million) with special needs is increasing due to the rise in cases of many childhood conditions; and,

WHEREAS, wounded veterans require family caregivers; as many as 1 million Americans are caring in their homes for service members from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars who are suffering from traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, or other wounds and illnesses; and,

WHEREAS, it’s not just women doing the caregiving; men are now almost as likely to say they are family caregivers as women are (40% of men; 60% of women) and 36% of younger Americans between ages 18 and 29 are family caregivers as well, including 1 million young people who care for loved ones with Alzheimer’s; and,

WHEREAS, About 6 in 10 (57%) of family caregivers perform complex medical/nursing task for their loved one such as managing multiple medications, providing wound care, and operating specialized medical equipment, monitoring blood pressure and blood sugar, and helping with incontinence;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Capital Area Council of Governments declares the month of November 2015 to be National Caregiver Awareness Month in the CAPCOG Region to bring awareness to the hours of uncompensated care provided by Caregivers throughout the CAPCOG region.

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

Mayor Marc Holm, Chairman
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Judge Bert Cobb, Secretary
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