



A PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF NOVEMBER 2017 AS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

WHEREAS, the ten-county Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) is home to more than 314,837 citizens age 60 years or older; and,

WHEREAS, 2.8 million family caregivers are the backbone of the Texas long-term care system, providing an estimated \$26 million worth of unpaid care each year; and,

WHEREAS, two out of 5 adults are family caregivers with 39% of all adult Americans caring for a loved one who have chronic conditions or a disability; and,

WHEREAS, the total estimated annual economic value of uncompensated care provided by the nation's family caregivers is estimated at \$470 billion; and,

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of family caregivers provide care to wounded veterans who are suffering from traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, or other wounds and illnesses; and,

WHEREAS, caregivers work an average of 18 hours per week providing care, even while a majority perform (60 percent) of family caregivers have full - or part-time jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Council of Governments continues its efforts to support caregivers with a wide array of services including education, in-home services, assistive devices, home modifications, long term planning to promote successful strategies for caregivers to better care for themselves as they care for others; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Capital Area Council of Governments declares the month of November 2017 to be National Family Caregivers Month in the CAPCOG region to bring awareness to the hours of uncompensated care provided by Family Caregivers throughout the CAPCOG region.

Resolution adopted by the Capital Area Council of Governments Executive Committee on this 11^h day of October, 2017.

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