



A PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF NOVEMBER 2020 AS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

WHEREAS, 3.4 million family caregivers are the backbone of the Texas long-term care system, providing an estimated \$35.1 billion worth of unpaid care each year; 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, the Coronavirus pandemic compounds the issues faced by family caregivers as they hope to keep those they care for out of a nursing home, may not able to visit in person, learn about new ways to access telehealth, have concerns about social isolation and their own unemployment issues; and,

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area moved quickly to address increasing caregiver support needs related to COVID-19; ensuring respite services continued and additional caregiver support services switched to virtual delivery models; and,

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Council of Governments continues its efforts to support caregivers with a wide array of services to assist caregivers to better care for themselves as they care for others. With its pandemic response CAPCOG used additional federal funding to address food insecurity, meet basic needs and work towards solutions to reduce social isolation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of the Capital Area Council of Governments declares the month of November 2020 to be National Family Caregiver Month in the CAPCOG Region to bring awareness to the challenges of family caregivers "Caregiving in Crises" throughout the CAPCOG region.

Resolution adopted by the Capital Area Council of Governments Executive Committee on this 11th day of November 2020.

Mayor Jane Hughson, Chairman
Executive Committee
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Judge James Oakley, Secretary
Executive Committee
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