

A PROCLAMATION

ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain causing deterioration in memory and thinking, as well as judgment and reasoning ability. It also affects behavior, emotions and the ability to perform self-care; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Alzheimer’s is the sixth leading cause of death for older adults; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 5 million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer’s; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s is the most common form of dementia; and

WHEREAS, 4.5 million people suffer from Alzheimer’s today; by the year 2050 that number could reach 16 million; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease costs the United States \$100 billion per year in diagnosis, extended care, family caregiver illness and lost wages according to the National Institute on Aging; and

WHEREAS, neither Medicare nor most private health insurance covers the long term services and support most people with dementia need; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody recognizes individuals, families, friends and caregivers dealing with the devastating effects of Alzheimer’s disease, the researchers who are seeking a cause or causes and cure, and the educational programs and support services provided by the various organizations committed to this cause.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Davis, Mayor of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia do hereby proclaim November 2013, as “**ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**” in the City of Dunwoody.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Dunwoody on this 12th day of November, 2013.

CITY OF DUNWOODY

Michael G. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk