PROCLAMATION

World Alzheimer's Awareness Month
September 2017

WHEREAS,   Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder that causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior, and ultimately leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

WHEREAS,   People over the age of 65 are at a higher risk of developing the disease. However, it's becoming more common for American's under the age of 65 to have younger-onset Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS,   In Orange County, more than 84,000 people are affected by Alzheimer's, and it's the third leading cause of death in the county. Worldwide, approximately 50 million people are currently living with the disease; and

WHEREAS,   In September 2012, the World Alzheimer's Awareness Month, an international campaign held the month of September of every year, was created to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that surrounds dementia; and

WHEREAS,   Each year, family caregivers provide 1,139 hours of care per individual suffering with Alzheimer's. Part of the services that caregivers provide include everyday hands-on care and support, information, referrals, education, and resources; and

WHEREAS,   A large proponent in the Alzheimer's services field and a strong supporter of World Alzheimer's Awareness Month is Alzheimer's Orange County, a local center dedicated towards providing resources and services to those affected by dementia; and

WHEREAS,   The City of Garden Grove commends Alzheimer's Orange County and its staff for their coordinated efforts to increase community awareness about Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and for their excellent healthcare services and dedicated support to the families suffering from Alzheimer's.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim the month of September 2017 as World Alzheimer's Awareness Month in Garden Grove and encourages the community to educate themselves about the risk of Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

August 22, 2017

Mayor and City Council Signatures