

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Alaska

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia, a degenerative brain disorder that causes memory loss and affects self-care, decision making, and behavior; and

WHEREAS, there are 8,500 Alaskans now living with Alzheimer's disease and current projections indicate this will increase to 11,000 individuals by 2025; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 33,000 unpaid caregivers providing 21 million hours of support to their loved ones with Alzheimer's disease annually; and

WHEREAS, dementia is a leading cause of death in Alaska and the only leading cause of death in the country with no known treatments to prevent, cure, or even delay the onset or slow the progression of the disease; and

WHEREAS, with early detection and diagnosis, individuals and families can gain access to medications and support services which promote quality of life, fully participate in planning for the future, and enroll in critical research trials; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough recognizes the effort of the Alzheimer's Association to promote awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, and provide support to unpaid caregivers, thereby improving the quality of life for individuals living with dementia; and

WHEREAS, every November, National Family Caregivers Month (NFCM) is a time to honor family caregivers across the country. It offers an opportunity to raise awareness of caregiving issues, educate communities, and increase support for caregivers;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Charlie Pierce, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim November, 2021 as:

National Family Caregiver Month

in the Kenai Peninsula Borough and encourage citizens to show their appreciation for all the Nation's Family Caregivers, not just during this month but at every opportunity throughout the year.



Charlie Pierce
Mayor