

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, dementia is the number one cause of death in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, 6.2 million Americans (120,000 in Washington) are living with dementia and are cared for by 11 million unpaid caregivers (295,000 in Washington); and

WHEREAS, 66% of dementia care is provided in their own home by unpaid caregivers who are usually family members; and

WHEREAS, caregivers of people with Alzheimer's or other dementias provided an estimated 15.3 billion hours of informal (that is, unpaid) assistance in 2020, a contribution to the nation valued at \$256.7 billion; and

WHEREAS, Dementia Friends is a global movement that is changing the way people think, act, and talk about dementia; and

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of Southwest Washington and HOPE Dementia Support have partnered to co-sponsor Dementia Friends Clark County; and

WHEREAS, Dementia Friends Clark County has created programs and resources to help our local communities understand what dementia is and how it affects people;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Barry McDonnell, Mayor of the City of Camas, do hereby proclaim May 2021, as:

"Dementia Friends Month"

in the City of Camas and encourage citizens to become Dementia Friends by learning what it is like for those living with dementia.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand
and caused the seal of the City of Camas
to be affixed this 3rd day of May, 2021.

Barry McDonnell, Mayor