

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

WHEREAS, there are no known treatments to prevent, cure, or even delay the onset or slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 5.5 million people aged 65 and over have Alzheimer's disease and another 200,000 people under age 65 have younger-onset Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and the fifth leading cause among the elderly; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association's Facts and Figures report, the direct costs of caring for those with Alzheimer's to American society is valued at \$259 billion and more than 15 million caregivers provided over 18 billion hours of unpaid care those with Alzheimer's and other dementias in 2016; and in Tennessee, nearly 435,000 family members and friends cared for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, providing 495,000,000 million hours of unpaid care, with the annual value of this caregiving totaling 6,252,000,000 and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the individuals, families, friends and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease, the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin recognizes the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, The month of June 2018 has been declared Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer's disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Franklin recognizes June 2018 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and urges all residents to wear purple to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor