

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia that affects memory, thinking and behavior. Alzheimer's disease is a global health crisis. Worldwide, there are an estimated 47 million people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, including 5.4 million in the United States. There is a 29% increase in the number of Texans age 65+ with Alzheimer's by 2025. The greatest risk factor for this disease is age over 65 and women are at the epicenter of the Alzheimer's epidemic accounting for 2/3 of cases; and

**WHEREAS**, this disease is the 6th leading cause of death and the cause of death among the top 10 in the United States that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed. Alzheimer's disease is the most expensive disease in America and has become a national crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1980, the Alzheimer's Association has worked to enhance care and support, advance research and advocate for people with Alzheimer's and their family and caregivers. The Alzheimer's Association vision is to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. The Alzheimer's Association, the leading voluntary health organization envisions a world without Alzheimer's and has an impact on the global, national and local level; and

**WHEREAS**, Walk to End Alzheimer's being held on September 29, 2018 at Grandscape (The Colony). Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. On this day, teams around the world will come together to honor the strength, passion and endurance of those facing Alzheimer's.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rudy Durham, Mayor of the City of Lewisville, Texas, and on behalf of the Lewisville City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of September 24, 2018 as the Lewisville City Council's week of support in the fight to end Alzheimer's with special emphasis on September 29, 2018, the date of the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Grandscape/The Colony.

**PROCLAIMED** this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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Rudy Durham, Mayor  
City of Lewisville