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PROCLAMATION OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible and progressive disease that slowly erodes precious memories, thinking skills and the ability to perform simple tasks, and

WHEREAS, Over 5 million Americans are living with this disease, and every 66 seconds someone is diagnosed. By the year 2050, up to 16 million will have the disease, and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the only cause of death among the top 10 in America that cannot be prevented, or cured, and

WHEREAS, one in five care contributors cut back on their own doctor visits, food and transportation because of their care responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the direct costs to American society of caring for those with Alzheimer's will total an estimated \$236 billion, with just under half of the costs borne by Medicare, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake Park offers its support to those living with Alzheimer's disease, and to recognize those who care and provide for them, sharing their loved one's emotional, physical and financial strains. We honor their compassion, remember those we have lost, and press toward the next scientific breakthrough.

NOW, THEREFORE I David Cleveland, Mayor for the Village of Lake Park, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2016 as

"PAINT THE VILLAGE PURPLE DAY"

And call upon the Village of Lake Park and its citizens to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and to support the individuals living with this disease and their caregivers.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

David Cleveland, Mayor

