

Office of The Mayor of the City of Burnaby

## **PROCLAMATION**

## "ALZHEIMER AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia are degenerative brain disorders that affect more than 70,000 British Columbians; and

WHEREAS Nearly 10,000 British Columbians living with dementia are under the

age of 65; and

WHEREAS More than 15,000 British Columbians are diagnosed with Alzheimer's

disease and other forms of dementia each year; and

WHEREAS If a cure is not found, within a generation the prevalence of

dementiain B.C. will more than double; and

WHEREAS All community members will be impacted: as people who are at risk

for developing this disease, as potential caregivers and as friends

and neighbours; and

WHEREAS Stigma leads many persons with dementia, and their families, to fear

exclusion and differential treatment, preventing them from seeking

help and disclosing their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS All Burnaby residents need to be better informed about Alzheimer's

disease and other forms of dementia and work to create more

supportive and inclusive communities.

NOW THEREFORE I, DEREK R. CORRIGAN, MAYOR OF BURNABY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015 AS

"ALZHEIMER AWARENESS MONTH"

IN THE CITY OF BURNABY.

Derek R. Corrigan Mayor

Dated this 19th day of January, 2015 AD