

# Proclamation

## **Dementia Friendly Tri-City Recognition Proclamation**

**WHEREAS;** the cities of St. Charles, Geneva, and Batavia have been designated as Dementia Friendly communities; and

**WHEREAS;** the Tri-Cities became Dementia Friendly Cities in 2020; and

**WHEREAS;** every 65 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's disease, a form of Dementia, and by 2050 someone will develop the disease every 33 seconds; and

**WHEREAS;** in the United States, there are 5.8 million people living with Alzheimer's disease and unless a cure is found it is estimated that as many as 14 million will have the disease by 2050; and

**WHEREAS;** Alzheimer's is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS;** 5.7 million individuals in the United States and 220,000 individuals in Illinois are living with Alzheimer's or a type of dementia; and

**WHEREAS;** more than 16 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, providing over 18.5 billion hours of unpaid care, and in Illinois, more than half a million caregivers provided 668 million hours of unpaid care; and


**WHEREAS;** the Alzheimer's Association estimates the direct costs of caring for those with Alzheimer's to the United States to reach \$1 trillion by 2050; and

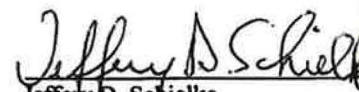
**WHEREAS;** numerous local partners, experts, professionals and residents are devoted to the success of the Dementia Friendly initiative, and

**WHEREAS;** the Tri-Cities offer their support to those living with dementia, and we also recognize those who care and provide for them.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Mayors of the Tri-Cities, Raymond P. Rogina, Kevin R. Burns and Jeffery D. Schielke call upon their citizens to learn more about dementia, as our partners work to create a local community where people living with dementia are supported to enjoy a high quality of life, with meaning, purpose, and value.

  
Raymond P. Rogina  
Mayor, City of St. Charles, IL

  
Kevin R. Burns  
Mayor, City of Geneva, IL

  
Jeffery D. Schielke  
Mayor, City of Batavia, IL

