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WHEREAS, in 2012, September was first recognized as World Alzheimer's Month to raise global awareness about dementia and dementia advocacy around the world; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 World Alzheimer's Month theme is "Time to act on dementia, time to act on Alzheimer's" which focuses on attitudes toward dementia and addressing the stigma and discrimination that exist around the condition; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, a brain condition that affects the parts of the brain controlling thought, memory, and language; an an estimated 5.8 million people are living with Alzheimer's disease in the United States, and by 2060 that number is projected to grow to 14 million people; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging, the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease increases with age; scientists do not yet fully understand what causes Alzheimer's disease but believe there is likely not one single cause but a variety of factors which contribute to the risk of developing the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2024 as

World Alzheimer's Month

in the City of Santa Clara and call upon the community to recognize the impacts of Alzheimer's disease and work to support those affected.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 24th day of September 2024.

LISA M. GILLMOR MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARA

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