



**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA REQUEST**

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Apple Martine, Director
Anna McEnery, DD & BH Coordinator

DATE: November 6, 2023

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: National Family Caregiver Month

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Jefferson County Public Health, Developmental Disabilities Division, and the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board; has requested approval of the proclamation; proclaiming November 2023 as National Family Caregiver Month.

ANALYSIS/STRATEGIC GOALS/PRO'S and CON'S:

Jefferson County celebrates National Family Caregiver Month in November; to recognize Jefferson County's family members who have sacrificed their jobs, altered careers and lives to give their love, commitment, and compassion to their relative.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS :

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation re: Proclaiming November 2023 as National Family Caregiver Month.

REVIEWED BY:

Mark McCauley, County Administrator

Date

10/31/23

PROCLAMATION

National Family Caregiver Month

WHEREAS, during National Family Caregivers Month, we recognize the important role of our family caregivers and thank them for the invaluable and instrumental care they provide; and

WHEREAS, every day, millions of Americans provide essential care and medical assistance to their loved ones. These acts of love, commitment, and compassion enable their family members to receive the support they need to live a life with dignity; and

WHEREAS; at some point in our lives, each of us will likely need to be a family caregiver — but the burden falls especially hard on those who cannot afford support; and

WHEREAS, while the opportunity to provide care to a loved one can be a blessing and a source of connection, it often requires sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, workers, their families, and our economy suffer when workers are forced to choose between their jobs and their caregiving responsibilities or between putting food on the table and caring for a relative; and

WHEREAS, too many Americans who need caregiving support struggle with the high costs of caring for a family member in need, or providing long-term care for people with disabilities or older adults; and

WHEREAS; their work is a profound service to their families and to our County, our State and our Nation, but they are still too often unseen, undervalued, and unpaid; and

WHEREAS, we understand the struggles family caregivers face and the importance of the care they provide. This month, as we continue our fight to expand access to caregiving, we recognize our caregivers who wake up every single day to do this physically and emotionally demanding, yet vitally important work;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of November, 2023, as

National Family Caregiver Month

We encourage all Americans to reach out to those who provide care for their family members, friends, and neighbors in need to honor and to thank them.

PROCLAIMED this 6th day of November, 2023.

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SEAL:

Greg Brotherton, Chair

ATTEST:

Kate Dean, Member

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC, Clerk of the Board

Heidi Eisenhour, Member