

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2024 AS FAMILY AND FRIENDS CARE PARTNER MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

This proclamation declares November 2024 to be Family and Friends Care Partner Month in the City of Hyattsville in observance of National Family Caregivers Month, celebrated every November to honor and thank citizens who devote immeasurable time, energy, and resources to providing care and support to community members in need.

WHEREAS, November is National Family Caregivers Month which recognizes that 65 million people, 20% of the U.S. population, provide care for a chronically ill, disabled, or aged family member during any given year and spend an average of 20 hours per week (unpaid) providing care for a loved one, friend, or neighbor; and

WHEREAS, 78% percent (nationally) of adults in need of long-term care depend on family, friends, and neighbors as their only source of help and those care partners are the foundation of long-term care nationwide, exceeding Medicaid long-term care spending in all states; and

WHEREAS, caregiving is a nearly universal experience and many Hyattsville residents (such as members of the City's Care Partner Support Group) are dedicated caregivers, providing long-term, in-home, and hospice care to family members, friends, and neighbors in unpaid and/or volunteer capacities; and

WHEREAS, while the opportunity to provide care to a loved one can be a rewarding act of love and a source of connection that is often taken on without hesitation, it often requires sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville must ensure that community members have the support and resources needed to care for and support not only their loved ones but also themselves, as the physical, emotional, and financial demands of caregiving can lead to high stress levels and burnout.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Hyattsville hereby proclaims November 2024 as Family and Friends Care Partner Month, calling upon all residents to join us in recognizing the contributions of care partners – whether family members, friends, or neighbors, all being an important backbone of our community.

Robert Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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