

PROCLAMATION

National Family Caregivers Month

November 2012

WHEREAS, the family is the cornerstone of our nation and family caregivers act out of profound love, dedication, and commitment in caring for their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, many family members who provide care to a loved one are loving daughters and sons, spouses and partners, parents, siblings, and friends throughout every part of our community; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers greatly improve the quality of life for their loved ones, spending an average of 20 hours per week providing care, with many caring for their loved ones around the clock; and

WHEREAS, 65 million family caregivers in the United States are the unacknowledged backbone of the nation's long-term care system by providing daily assistance to manage health and personal care, thus enabling their loved ones to stay in the home longer; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers can so often feel isolated and alone, and just knowing that there are millions of other family caregivers they can reach out to, who are going through many of the same challenges, can be a source of great consolation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Darch, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois do hereby proclaim November 2012 as National Family Caregivers Month with the theme "Family Caregivers Matter!" in the Village of Barrington and encourage all citizens to honor the selfless service of caregivers who support their loved ones in need.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2012

Karen Darch
Village President