

# **PROCLAMATION**

## ***Preeclampsia Awareness Day***

***May 17, 2015***

*Whereas, preeclampsia is a dangerous condition of pregnancy that can, in its severe form lead to maternal and/or infant mortality or premature birth with significant health risks for the mother and baby; and*

*Whereas, more than 350,000 cases of preeclampsia are diagnosed in America every year with approximately 25% classified as severe; and*

*Whereas, every 6 minutes of every day in America, a pregnant woman and her baby face life threatening consequences because of preeclampsia; and*

*Whereas, globally, preeclampsia and other hypertensive disorders of pregnancy are the leading cause of maternal and infant illness and death, with conservative estimates claiming these disorders are responsible for 76,000 maternal and 500,000 infant deaths each year; and*

*Whereas, public awareness of the symptoms of preeclampsia (spikes in maternal blood pressure, sudden swelling of face, feet and hands, severe upper abdominal pain, blurred vision) can help women recognize the condition and seek appropriate medical care; and*

*Whereas, many citizens of Illinois have joined with the Preeclampsia Foundation to raise awareness in order to minimize maternal and infant illness and death due to preeclampsia.*

***NOW THEREFORE, I, Karen Darch, Village President, and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois do hereby proclaim May 17th 2015 to be "Preeclampsia Awareness Day" in the Village of Barrington and applaud the Preeclampsia Foundation's mission to reduce maternal and infant deaths due to preeclampsia and other hypertension disorders of pregnancy. Along with the Preeclampsia Foundation, the Village of Barrington envisions a world where preeclampsia no longer threatens the lives of mothers and babies.***

*Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015*

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*Karen Darch  
Village President*