

**CITY OF SALINE
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

WHEREAS; Dementia is a broad category of brain diseases that causes long-term and often gradual decrease in the ability to think and remember, that is great enough to affect a person's daily functioning; and

WHEREAS, the most common type of dementia is Alzheimer's disease, with 5.8 million people in the United States living with Alzheimer's, and unless a cure is found, it is estimated that as many as 14 million will have the disease by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 16 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, providing over 18.5 billion hours of unpaid care; and

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association estimates the direct costs of caring for those with Alzheimer's to the United States to reach \$1 trillion by 2050; and

WHEREAS, local communities, professionals and residents are devoted to the success of the Dementia Friendly initiative, and the Alzheimer's Association raises funds and promotes awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saline offers its support to those living with dementia, and we also recognize those who care and provide for them, in light of this, the City plans to offer dementia friendly training to all staff members.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Saline City Council and the citizens of Saline do hereby support the Dementia Friendly initiative and asks that we all recognize the stories, strengths, and efforts of the individuals, families, friends, and caregivers impacted by Dementia, as well as the researchers who are seeking a cause and a cure.




Brian D. Marl
Mayor