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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Re: Proclamation

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM NOVEMBER  
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

WELD COUNTY, CO – During the Monday morning meeting of the Weld County Commissioners, the Board proclaimed November as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month.

“Whereas, more than five million Americans are now living with Alzheimer's disease: 72,000 people in Colorado alone, and 227,000 care partners who provide unpaid care are home valued at upwards of \$3 billion, and whereas, the care provided by family caregivers helps offset the impact on our community budgets at a time we can ill afford the rising cost of healthcare, and whereas, we need more individuals and families to know they can get help at no cost from the Alzheimer's Association and that there is hope on the horizon with advancement in research. Now, therefore, let it be known that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim November 2013 as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in Weld County.”

Marcia Schafer, regional director for the Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter Northeast office, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association and then provided a brief presentation summarizing how Alzheimer's works within the brain.

The Alzheimer's Association provides free services for families dealing with Alzheimer's Disease including counseling, classes, support groups and other educational opportunities. There are several sites throughout Weld County where residents can receive assistance: Evans, Windsor, Eaton and soon Johnstown, Frederick and Fort Lupton.

To learn more about the Alzheimer's Association and the programs and resources they make available to Weld County residents, please visit their web site at: <http://www.alz.org/co/index.asp>

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