

# PROCLAMATION

## *DESIGNATING MAY 2024 AS HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH – REACH FOR HOPE, IN CARY, NC*

*WHEREAS*, Huntington's Disease is an inherited progressively degenerative neurological disease that causes total physical and mental deterioration over a 10-20 year period;

*WHEREAS*, the prevalence of Huntington's Disease is estimated to be 8.87 per 100,000 in North America and there are just over 10 million citizens in the State of North Carolina;

*WHEREAS*, stigma and fear prevent many patients from seeking care;

*WHEREAS*, there is a 50% chance for the children of Huntington's patients to inherit the disease and continue to pass it down generation after generation;

*WHEREAS*, there has been great progress in medical research there is still not a cure for those suffering from Huntington's Disease;

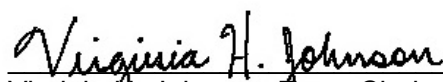
*WHEREAS*, since 2009 HD Reach's home base has been in Cary, NC and has been working to improve the care and quality of life of those affected by Huntington's Disease in North Carolina through care management, referrals to healthcare resources, family support, education, and anonymous genetic testing;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Harold Weinbrecht, Jr., Mayor of Cary, North Carolina, on behalf of the Cary Council, do hereby proclaim May 2024, as Huntington's Disease Awareness Month in Cary, and encourage citizens to lend their support to Huntington's Disease Reach, medical institutions, and research teams in their efforts to serve patients and families with this devastating disease and to unravel the mysteries of treatment and an eventual cure.

*PROCLAIMED* this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
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Harold Weinbrecht, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

  
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Virginia H. Johnson, Town Clerk

