

**WHEREAS** it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance;

WHEREAS, during this season of thanksgiving, as we pause to reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed on us as individuals and as a city, we are especially grateful for the love of our families and friends; and

WHEREAS, one of the most profound ways in which that love is expressed is through the generous support provided by family caregivers to loved ones who are chronically ill, elderly or disabled; and

WHEREAS, caregivers reflect family and community life at its best and they are among the city's most important natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the need for family caregivers is growing and we are blessed to live in a time when medicine and technology have helped us live longer. As a result, persons with disabilities are living longer and people over 85 are the fastest growing segment of our population; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers deserve our lasting gratitude and respect and this month we honor the many contributions that family caregivers make to the quality of our national life; NOW THEREFORE,

I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as the

***“NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH”***

and encourage everyone to work through our community, religious, social, business and other organizations to offer programs and services that will provide caregivers the support and encouragement they need to carry out their vital responsibilities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 19th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

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Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor