WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are a growing concern in Minnesota, our nation, and the world;

WHEREAS, 89,000 Minnesotans are currently living with dementia and 248,000 Minnesotans are caregivers for them;

WHEREAS, 263 people in Bemidji are living with Alzheimer’s disease or another type of dementia, and 153 people with dementia are living at home with a caregiver or by themselves;

WHEREAS, with the aging of the baby boom generation, the number of people living with dementia will increase nearly 35% by the year 2025;

WHEREAS, ACT on Alzheimer’s is a volunteer-driven collaboration bringing Minnesotans together to create awareness and a supportive community for everyone touched by Alzheimer’s disease or dementia;

WHEREAS, the Bemidji ACT on Alzheimer’s Action Team is hosting two days of Alzheimer’s Awareness workshops on September 21-22, 2015, and will be releasing print and television resources to help people living with dementia and their caregivers connect with community resources;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Rita Albrecht, Mayor of the City of Bemidji do hereby proclaim September 21 & 22, 2015 as

Dementia Awareness Days

in Bemidji, and urge all our citizens to avail themselves of the education and awareness resources offered, and to participate in making Bemidji a more dementia-friendly city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREBY SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL CITY OF BEMIDJI SEAL.

Rita C. Albrecht, Bemidji Mayor