

DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH

# PROCLAMATION

## ALZHEIMER AWARENESS MONTH

JANUARY 2011

WHEREAS Alzheimer's disease and related dementias are degenerative brain disorders that affect 500,000 Canadians, or 1 in 11 over the age of 65;

WHEREAS more than 70,000 people in British Columbia are living with dementia;

WHEREAS nearly 10,000 British Columbians living with dementia are under the age of 65 and that number is increasing annually;

WHEREAS a disproportionate number of British Columbians being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia are female;

WHEREAS the first baby boomers turn 65 this year and age is still the greatest known risk factor for dementia;

WHEREAS the impact of increased incidence of dementia will be felt by everyone, not only due to the cost to the healthcare system but also by the economic and social costs to caregivers and families;

WHEREAS there is no known cure for these devastating illnesses and little awareness of the early signs of Alzheimer's disease;

WHEREAS it is time to act now to turn the rising tide of dementia as well as improve dementia care in our communities by raising the awareness of this devastating disease;

NOW THEREFORE I, Alice Finall, Mayor of the District of North Saanich, do hereby proclaim January 2011 to be *Alzheimer Awareness Month* in the District of North Saanich.

IN WITNESS, I set my hand this 21st day of December 2010.

  

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ALICE FINALL  
MAYOR