

# Proclamation

*Whereas, dementia is a condition that affects memory, thinking, behavior, and the ability to perform everyday activities, impacting millions of individuals and their families across the nation; and*

*Whereas, the City of Belleville, Illinois, recognizes the importance of supporting individuals living with dementia and their caregivers, fostering an inclusive and understanding community; and*

*Whereas, the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce's Health Care and Community Services Committee has taken a leadership role in spearheading efforts to establish Belleville as a designated Dementia Friendly community by raising awareness, providing training, and equipping residents and organizations with the tools needed to better understand and support those affected by dementia; and*

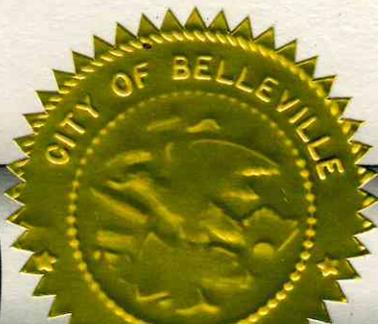
*Whereas, becoming a Dementia Friendly community involves creating a safe, supportive, and informed environment where those living with dementia, along with their families, can thrive with dignity and respect; and*

*Whereas, the City of Belleville acknowledges the vital role of businesses, healthcare providers, community organizations, and residents in this endeavor, uniting to provide compassionate care and understanding to those impacted by dementia; and*

*Whereas, Belleville's commitment to being a Dementia Friendly community serves as a model of inclusivity, promoting education and collaboration to improve the quality of life for all citizens.*

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Patty Gregory, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois, do hereby proclaim Belleville as a **Dementia Friendly Community** and encourage all residents, businesses, and organizations to participate in the ongoing efforts to foster an environment of awareness, compassion, and support for individuals and families affected by dementia.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.**



*Patty Gregory*  
Patty Gregory, Mayor  
Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025