



**REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: October 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclaim National Family Caregivers' Month

**Report in Brief**

The City Council has been asked to recognize the month of November as National Family Caregivers' Month.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached Proclamation to recognize November as National Family Caregivers' Month.

**Background**

The Caregiver Community Action Network of the National Family Caregivers' Association has requested communities and agencies across the nation to recognize those who provide services to the chronically ill and disabled members of our families. This organization represents those Caregivers and advocates for the services they provide.

Statistics indicate that 78% of all seniors who receive assisted care do so from their own family members. More than 80% of homecare services are provided by family members. As a result, businesses have lost up to \$34 billion annually in productivity due to the need of their employees to care for family members over the age of 50.

**Discussion**

The City Council's approval of the staff recommendation will indicate support for the promotion of these issues for citizens of California.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

**Public Contact**

Posting of the City Council agenda.

**Recommendation for Action**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached Proclamation to recognize November as National Family Caregivers' Month.

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Attachment: Proclamation

# City of Woodland

PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH  
NOVEMBER 2009

**WHEREAS**, during this season of thanksgiving, we pause to reflect on our lives as individuals and as a citizens within this City. We are especially grateful for our families and friends. One of the most profound ways in which that gratitude is shared is through the generous support provided by family caregivers to loved ones who are chronically ill, elderly or disabled. Caregivers reflect family and community life at its best. They are among City's most important natural resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, the need for family caregivers is growing. This is 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. This month we honor the many contributions that family caregivers make to the quality of our national life. We should resolve to work through our community, health care, religious, social, business and other organizations to offer programs and services to provide caregivers the support and encouragement they need to carry out their vital responsibilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby proclaim November 2009 as National Family Caregivers Month in City.

Dated: October 20, 2009

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Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

Martie L. Dote, Council Member

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member