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CITY OF ASHEVILLE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Trigeminal Neuralgia is a chronic, progressive, neurological disorder which causes excruciating pain to the face; and

WHEREAS, Trigeminal Neuralgia is considered to be one of the most painful afflictions known to medical practice, often referred to as the "Suicide Disease;" and

WHEREAS, Trigeminal Neuralgia can strike anyone, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or any other demographic category; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure, therapy, or drug to halt the pain or slow or progression of Trigeminal Neuralgia; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that about 1 in 20,000 people have TN; however, due to misdiagnoses, being undiagnosed, and lack of education, the number is believed to be much greater; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research is needed to find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and, ultimately, a cure for Trigeminal Neuralgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor of the City of Asheville, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2016 as

Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Day

in the City of Asheville, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Asheville, North Carolina, to be affixed this 7th day of October 2016.

ESTHER E. MANHEIMER MAYOR