

CITY OF WATERLOO, IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

Trigeminal Neuralgia (TN) is a chronic pain condition that affects the trigeminal or 5th cranial nerve, one of the most widely distributed nerves in the head and is characterized by recurrent shock-like or burning facial pain; and

WHEREAS,

Severe facial pain can last from a second to several minutes with some individuals having up to 100 lightning-like bursts of stabbing facial pain in a day; and

WHEREAS,

Trigeminal Neuralgia can occur at any age but usual onset is after age 40 in 90% of cases with a female-to-male ratio of 2:1; and

WHEREAS,

An estimated 1 in 15,000 people suffers from Trigeminal Neuralgia, although numbers may be higher due to misdiagnoses, with an estimated 45,000 people in the U.S. and 1 million worldwide who suffer from this disease; and

WHEREAS,

The disease entity of Trigeminal Neuralgia has been known for centuries and was once labeled the “suicide disease” because of the significant numbers of people who took their own lives before effective treatments were discovered.

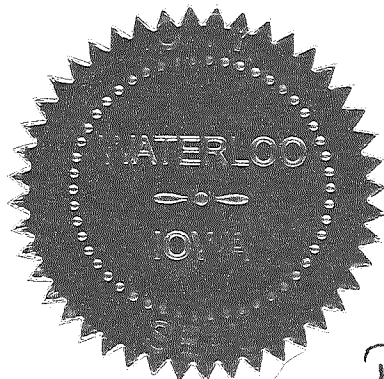
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Quentin Hart, Mayor of the City of Waterloo, Iowa, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2016, as

TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA AWARENESS DAY

And encourage all to “Light up Teal” supporting the fighters, admiring the survivors, and honoring those taken by this disease so as to never give up hope in finding a cure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Waterloo to be affixed this 3rd day of October 2016.

ATTEST:



Kelley Felchle
Kelley Felchle
Deputy City Clerk

Quentin Hart
Quentin Hart
Mayor