



City of Charleston

JOHN J. TECKLENBURG

MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; trigeminal neuralgia is a chronic pain condition that affects the trigeminal nerve, which carries sensation from your face to your brain, and trigeminal neuralgia is characterized by episodes of intense pain in the face; and

WHEREAS; in trigeminal neuralgia, also called tic douloureux, the trigeminal nerve's function is disrupted. Usually, the problem is contact between a normal blood vessel and the trigeminal nerve at the base of your brain. This contact puts pressure on the nerve and causes it to malfunction; and

WHEREAS; the episodes of pain can strike anytime, anywhere, and last for extended periods leaving the person helpless and incapacitated; and

WHEREAS; the number of those affected may be higher due to misdiagnosis; and

WHEREAS; trigeminal neuralgia affects women more often than men, and it's more likely to occur in people who are older than 50; and

WHEREAS; October 7, 2016 marks the fourth annual International Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Day which will see over 100 landmarks around the world light up teal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2016 to be:

TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Charleston, and encourage our citizens to learn more about this chronic pain condition and to support those working to manage their pain.


John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

