



PROCLAMATION

Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome (TS) is an inherited neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary physical and vocal tics that occur many times a day; and

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is often accompanied by other conditions, such as attention deficit and obsessive compulsive disorder, learning disabilities, and depression; and

WHEREAS, the neurological disorder known as "Tourette Syndrome" affects 1 in 100 children. The school-age children in the State of North Carolina are dealing with TS without major support resource. Although some of these children are aided by medication and knowledgeable doctors, there is no standard treatment or known cure for this disorder;

WHEREAS, there is an important need for more professional help with interest and expertise to identify, counsel, and treat people with TS, with the lead time between initial onset of symptoms and proper diagnosis for those who do seek help still averaging more than seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, positive actions to assist those children and families dealing with TS would result from a broadening of public and professional knowledge and acceptance of TS; and

WHEREAS, the TSA Greater Carolina Tourette Syndrome Support Group is one of two (2) resources that specifically assist North Carolinians, and they are actively providing support to families and educating teachers, families, and the community on the facts of TS and working to create awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John M. Woods, Mayor of Davidson, do hereby proclaim that Sunday, June 4, 2017 will be recognized as "**TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**" in the Town of Davidson, as a special day to promote understanding, compassion, and acceptance for all of our fellow citizens who deserve and need our support to break the stigma that is related to Tourette Syndrome.

Proclaimed this the 23rd day of May, 2017.

John M. Woods, Mayor