

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the citizens of Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, value their health, safety, and that of their children and families; therefore, they are proud to join in support of the observance of Brain Injury Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the impact of brain injuries is emotionally and financially devastating to people who have sustained brain injuries, as well as their families, friends, and the entire community in which they live and work; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 5.3 million Americans, a little more than 2 percent of the American population, currently live with disabilities resulting from a brain injury; it is estimated that 1 million people are treated for brain injury, and released from hospital emergency rooms every year; each year 80,000 Americans experience the onset of long-term disability following a brain injury, and more than 50,000 people die annually as a result of their injury; the cost is estimated to be nearly \$50 billion dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is the signature injury of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, impacting the lives of thousands of American military service members, veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans and Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, continue to maintain a key role in working with national organizations to develop policies and programs dedicated to providing prevention, education, research, outreach, and services for individuals with brain injury and their families; and

WHEREAS, because most brain injuries do not heal, prevention is the best strategy for protecting children and adults from devastating brain injuries; increasing public awareness and understanding of the consequences of brain injury will result in a decrease in the number of injuries, and enhance the recovery for all individuals who sustain brain injuries; it is fitting that all citizens of Ohio and Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, show their support for important measures that improve the lives of individuals with brain injuries and their families to help decrease the occurrence of brain injuries among Ohioans; and

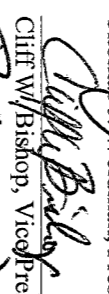
WHEREAS, the Brain Injury Association of the United States, and in conjunction with its Ohio affiliate, has worked tirelessly to help meet the needs of individuals with brain injuries and their families, and to educate the public and policy makers about brain injury and prevention; the Brain Injury Association of the United States, Ohio, its affiliates, members, and advocates work to fulfill this mission through a number of programs and activities such as a toll free family help line, support groups, public education about brain injury treatment and prevention, and advocacy on behalf of people with brain injury and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township that the month of March, 2011 is "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Sycamore Township, Ohio

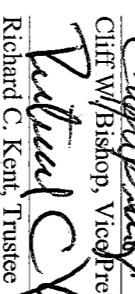
PASSED, at the meeting of the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township this 17th day of March, 2011.



Thomas J. Weidman, President

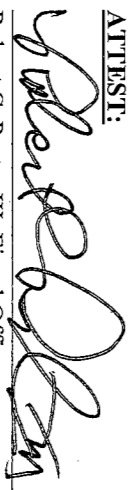


Cliff Bishop, Vice President



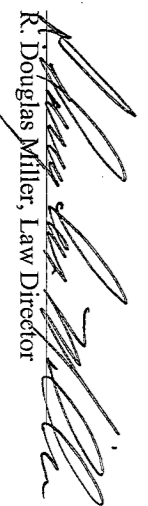
Richard C. Kent, Trustee

ATTEST:



Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



R. Douglas Miller, Law Director