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**PROCLAMATION P2026-03
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NELSON COUNTY IS A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, dementia is a growing public health crisis with almost eleven percent of Nelson County residents over 65 living with this disorder and approximately thirty percent of the County's population is over 65; and,

WHEREAS, family caregivers are facing increasing physical, mental, emotional and financial strain; and,

WHEREAS, the number of people living with dementia or caring for someone with dementia is expected to grow in the coming years as the number of older residents increases; and,

WHEREAS, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors wants to ensure that the County is welcoming and inclusive to all those impacted by dementia; and,

WHEREAS, local government, businesses, the faith community, financial institutions, first responders, health care providers, educational institutions, and the citizens of the County can make small changes to provide a community in which people living with dementia can continue to be involved, active, respected, valued and understood; and,

WHEREAS, the Dementia Friendly initiative is dedicated to raising community awareness of dementia and the needs of those living with dementia and their caregivers; and,

WHEREAS, today marks the official launch of the County's efforts to join other localities by supporting Dementia Friendly initiatives for the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Nelson County Board of Supervisors and on behalf of its residents, that from this day forward, Nelson County is hereby proclaimed as a **Dementia Friendly Community** and urges all citizens to join in this coordinated effort.

Approved: May 12, 2026

Attest: Candice W. McGarry, Clerk
Nelson County Board of Supervisors