



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

Recognizing June as National Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and June 21st as The Longest Day.

Body

WHEREAS, today, there are 44 millions of people living with Alzheimer's worldwide, more than 5 million of those are Americans, a figure that is expected to grow to as many as 16 million by 2050 if the trajectory remains as is; and,

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 114,000 people with Alzheimer's living in the state of Wisconsin, over 7000 of whom are in Dane County most of whom are cared for by their loved ones or professional caregiver; and,

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is 100% fatal and everyone with a brain is at risk of developing the disease and there is no prevention, cure, treatment or event slow the progression; and,

WHEREAS, while researchers are working hard find ways to accurately diagnose and treat Alzheimer's disease, and we need to aggressively fund research in order to meet the National Plan to find cure and treatment by 2025; and,

WHEREAS, about 55% of people living with Alzheimer's disease are not diagnosed and only 45% of people with Alzheimer's disease received a formal diagnosis; and,

WHEREAS, there are 15.9 million unpaid family caregivers in 2015 who provided 18.1 billion hours of care to those with Alzheimer's and other dementias. That care had an estimated economic value of \$221.3 billion; and,

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association recognizes June 21st as "The Longest Day" asking people to team up with the Alzheimer's Association and select any activity they love - or an activity loved by those affected - to help end Alzheimer's and raise awareness for care and support while advancing research toward the first survivor of Alzheimer's,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common recognizes June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and June 21st as The Longest Day, and asks residents of Madison to visit <http://www.alz.org> to learn more about Alzheimer's and become part of the effort to end this disease.