



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

No appropriation required.

### **Title**

Recognizing June as National Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and June 21, 2019 as The Longest Day.

### **Body**

WHEREAS, today, there are 50 million people living with Alzheimer's worldwide, and 5.7 million of those are Americans; and,

WHEREAS, by 2050, someone in the United States will develop Alzheimer's every 22 seconds; and,

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 114,000 people with Alzheimer's living in the state of Wisconsin, over 7,000 of whom are in Dane County with most people cared for by their loved ones or a 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 to slow the progression; and,

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

WHEREAS, currently as many as half of those living with Alzheimer's disease are not diagnosed and for many of those who are diagnosed, the diagnosis occurs at the late stages of dementia; and,

WHEREAS, in 2017, 16 million family members and friends provided 18.4 billion hours of unpaid care to people with Alzheimer's and other dementias at an economic value of more than \$232 billion; and,

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association recognizes June 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21, 2019 as The Longest Day, and asks residents of Madison to visit [<http://www.alz.org>](http://www.alz.org) to learn more about Alzheimer's and become part of the effort to end this disease.