
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND ROSS, JUNE 20, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 20, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2016 as "Alzheimer's and Brain
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, June is "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month," and
4 the Alzheimer's Association seeks support to raise awareness of
5 this debilitating disease and the need to increase efforts to
6 combat its human and economic costs; and

7 WHEREAS, The summer solstice, June 20, 2016, has been
8 declared The Longest Day, with teams around the world coming
9 together to honor the strength, passion and endurance of people
10 facing Alzheimer's disease with a day of activity and advocacy;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Every person in your community is at risk for
13 developing Alzheimer's, a fatal disease that cannot be
14 prevented, treated or even slowed; and

1 WHEREAS, Worldwide there are approximately 44 million people
2 living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, 5 million living in
3 the United States and 400,000 individuals in Pennsylvania, and
4 without a change, these worldwide numbers are expected to grow
5 to 76 million by 2030; and

6 WHEREAS, An estimated 5.2 million people who are 65 years of
7 age or older and approximately 200,000 individuals who are under
8 65 years of age live with Alzheimers's; and

9 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in
10 the United States and one in three seniors dies with Alzheimer's
11 or another dementia; and

12 WHEREAS, Only 45% of people with Alzheimer's disease or their
13 caregivers report being told of their diagnosis, while over 90%
14 of people with the four most common types of cancer have been
15 told of their diagnosis; and

16 WHEREAS, During 2015 in the United States, 15.9 million
17 family and friends provided 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care to
18 those with Alzheimer's and other dementias and that care had an
19 estimated economic value of \$221.3 billion; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2015, Pennsylvania had an estimated 673,000
21 Alzheimer's and dementia family caregivers providing 766 million
22 hours of unpaid care valued at \$9.4 billion; and

23 WHEREAS, Researchers in Pennsylvania and around the world
24 continue their efforts to develop scientific breakthroughs that
25 could one day bring about a world without Alzheimer's disease;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, The individuals, families, friends and caregivers
28 dealing with Alzheimer's disease and the researchers who are
29 seeking a cause or cure should be recognized; and

30 WHEREAS, The efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise

1 funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and
2 other dementias improves the quality of human life for people
3 living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers; therefore
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
6 month of June 2016 as "Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness
7 Month" in Pennsylvania.