

Legislation Text

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Proclamation: "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month"

PROCLAMATION

- **WHEREAS,** Alzheimer's disease is a type of brain disease that causes damage to nerve cells in the brain. It is the most common cause of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other cognitive abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life; and,
- **WHEREAS,** Alzheimer's is a progressive disease, where dementia symptoms gradually worsen over a number of years. In its early stages, memory loss is mild, but in the late stage, individuals lose the ability to carry on a conversation and respond to their environment; and,
- **WHEREAS,** Alzheimer's is currently ranked as the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. Approximately 6.5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's and by the year 2050, this number could rise to as high as 13 million; and,
- **WHEREAS,** with early detection and diagnosis, individuals and their families can gain access to treatment medications which may help preserve daily functioning for some time, they can enroll in critical research trials, fully participate in planning for the future, and receive help and support from the Alzheimer's Association; and,
- **WHEREAS,** there is a need to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and to honor all the caregivers who support and care for loved ones suffering with it.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JUNE 2023 AS

"ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH"

IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO TAKE PART IN THE LONGEST DAY® CAMPAIGN, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023, BY TAKING THE PLEDGE BY PARTICIPATING THROUGH A FUNDRAISER ACTIVITY OF THEIR CHOICE BY EITHER PARTICIPATING AT HOME, ONLINE, OR IN-PERSON TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

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