



Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative brain disease, tragically robbing individuals of their memories and every 65 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's, and by 2050 someone in the United States will develop the disease every 33 seconds; and

Whereas, in Virginia, over 150,000 people have Alzheimer's or related dementia and in the United States, there are 5.8 million people living with Alzheimer's disease and unless a cure is found it is estimated that as many as 14 million will have the disease by 2050; and

Whereas, nearly two-thirds of those with Alzheimer's disease are women and Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States; and

Whereas, the Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research, with the vision of a world without Alzheimer's disease; and

Whereas, The Longest Day on June 21st, a sunrise-to-sunset event symbolizing the challenging journey of those living with the disease and their caregivers, offers everyone the opportunity to get involved in the fight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby, Proclaim June as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month in the County of Albemarle and call upon all residents to show their support on The Longest Day, June 21, 2019 by wearing purple and engaging in a day of activities, honoring the strength, passion and endurance of people facing Alzheimer's disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer support to those living with Alzheimer's disease, and recognize those who care and provide for them, sharing their loved one's emotional, physical and financial strains; and honor their compassion, remember those we have lost, and press toward the next great scientific breakthrough.

Signed this 19th day of June 2019.

Ned Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors