

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.120

Reps. Kahle, Bollin, Allor, Calley, Cherry, Chirkun, Clemente, Crawford, Elder, Garrett, Garza, Gay-Dagnogo, Haadsma, Hood, Hope, Cynthia Johnson, Jones, Kuppa, Leutheuser, Liberati, Love, Manoogian, Pagan, Pohutsky, Rabhi, Rendon, Sabo, Slagh, Sowerby, Stone, Tate, Warren, Webber, Wittenberg and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 2019 as Alzheimer's Awareness
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative
4 brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and
5 leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

6 Whereas, There are no known treatments to prevent, cure, or
7 even delay the onset or slow the progression of Alzheimer's
8 disease; and



1 Whereas, An estimated 5.6 million people aged 65 and over have
2 Alzheimer's disease and another 200,000 people under age 65 have
3 younger-onset Alzheimer's disease; and

4 Whereas, In Michigan, there are an estimated 190,000 people
5 aged 65 and over currently living with Alzheimer's; and

6 Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of
7 death in the United States and the fifth leading cause among the
8 elderly; and

9 Whereas, According to the Alzheimer's Association's Facts and
10 Figures report, the direct costs of caring for those with
11 Alzheimer's to American society is valued at \$290 billion and more
12 than 16 million caregivers provided over 18 billion hours of unpaid
13 care for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias in 2018. In
14 Michigan, 517,000 family members and friends cared for people with
15 Alzheimer's and other dementias, providing 589 million hours of
16 unpaid care, with the annual value of this caregiving totaling
17 \$7,444,000,000; and

18 Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the efforts of the
19 Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to
20 fight Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, thereby improving
21 the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease
22 and their caregivers; and

23 Whereas, The month of June 2019 has been declared Alzheimer's
24 Month to help spread awareness and educate the public on this
25 debilitating disease and the need to increase efforts to combat its
26 human and economic costs; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
28 this legislative body declare June 2019 as Alzheimer's Awareness
29 Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the individuals,

1 families, friends, and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease
2 and the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure, and urge all
3 residents to wear purple to help spread awareness of the
4 Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without
5 Alzheimer's disease.