

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 271

Reps. Kahle, Bollin, Brixie, Brenda Carter, Cherry, Chirkun, Clemente, Crawford, Garza, Greig, Haadsma, Hertel, Hoadley, Hood, Hope, Kennedy, Kuppa, Lasinski, Leutheuser, Love, Cynthia Neeley, Pagan, Pohutsky, Rendon, Schroeder, Shannon, Sneller, Stone, Warren and Wittenberg offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare June 2020 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

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

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

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

24 Whereas, The month of June 2020 has been declared Alzheimer's
25 Awareness Month to help spread awareness and educate the public on
26 this debilitating disease and the need to increase efforts to
27 combat its human and economic costs; now, therefore, be it

28 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
29 this legislative body declare June 2020 as Alzheimer's Awareness

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