

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.120

Reps. Kahle and Bollin 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

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

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



1 Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of
2 death in the United States and the fifth leading cause among the
3 elderly; and

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

13 Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the efforts of the
14 Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to
15 fight Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, thereby improving
16 the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease
17 and their caregivers; and

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

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
23 this legislative body declare June 2019 as Alzheimer's Awareness
24 Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the individuals,
25 families, friends, and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease
26 and the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure, and urge all
27 residents to wear purple to help spread awareness of the
28 Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without
29 Alzheimer's disease.