

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 271

Rep. Kahle 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

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



1 aged 65 and over currently living with Alzheimer's; and

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

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

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

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

24 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
25 this legislative body declare June 2020 as Alzheimer's Awareness
26 Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the individuals,
27 families, friends, and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease
28 and the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure, and urge all
29 residents to wear purple to help spread awareness of the

- 1 Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without
- 2 Alzheimer's disease.