



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution recognizing June as “Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month”.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain causing memory loss and cognitive decline that seriously affects a person’s ability to carry out daily activities; and

WHEREAS, more than 120,000 Tennesseans are living with Alzheimer’s disease, according to the Alzheimer’s Association; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, families living with Alzheimer’s have experienced increased burden due to isolation and fear; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic there were 1,173 more deaths than expected from dementia; and

WHEREAS, caregivers indicate that their loved ones with diagnoses are deteriorating more quickly because of shutdowns and separation; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Institute on Aging, Alzheimer’s is currently ranked as the 6th leading cause of death in the U.S., but recent estimates indicate that the disorder may rank 3rd as a cause of death for older people; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 5 million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer’s; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s is the most expensive disease in America costing nearly \$260 billion annually, with 68% of that paid by state and federal programs such as TennCare, according to the Alzheimer’s Association, and those costs could reach half a trillion dollars by 2040; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the Metropolitan Council recognizes June as “Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month” to bring much needed attention to Alzheimer’s and related dementias, and the impact these diseases have on the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record recognizing June as “Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month” and encourages all citizens to recognize individuals, families, friends, and caregivers dealing with the effects of Alzheimer’s disease; the researchers seeking treatments and a cure; and the education and support services provided by the Tennessee Alzheimer’s Association.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.