



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A Resolution recognizing June 2022 as “Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month.”

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

WHEREAS, there are no known treatments to prevent, cure, or even delay the onset or slow the progression of Alzheimer’s disease; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 6 million people aged 65 and over have Alzheimer’s disease and another 200,000 people under age 65 have younger-onset Alzheimer’s disease; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and the fifth leading cause among the elderly; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer’s or another dementia; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer’s Association’s Facts and Figures report, the direct costs of caring for those with Alzheimer’s to American society is valued at \$272 billion and more than 11 million caregivers provided over 16 billion hours of unpaid care those with Alzheimer’s and other dementias in 2021; In 2022, it is estimated that Alzheimer’s and other dementias will cost the nation \$321 billion; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee, nearly 361,000 family members and friends cared for people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias, providing 489,000,000 million hours of unpaid care, with the annual value of this caregiving totaling \$6.9 billion; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 1 in 5 Americans are familiar with mild cognitive impairment (MCI), which can be an early stage of Alzheimer’s. About one-third of people with MCI due to Alzheimer’s disease develop dementia within 5 years of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the month of June 2022 has been declared Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer’s Association’s vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer’s disease and therefore urge all residents to wear purple to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer’s Association’s vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer’s disease; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the Metropolitan Council recognizes June 2022 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.