

Legislation Text

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To Designate June 2018 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and June 21, 2018 as The Longest Day.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's, a neurodegenerative disease that causes dementia amongst the aging population, affects 5.7 million Americans and 220,000 Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, with no known way to slow or prevent Alzheimer's disease, essential public health services of early detection, risk reduction, and surveillance are necessary to protect and improve the health at a population level; caregiving for individuals with Alzheimer's disease often takes an enormous toll on family members; and

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association, the largest non-profit funder of Alzheimer's research that provides care and support to those living with the disease today with the help and support of its dedicated volunteers, plays in meeting the needs of people affected by Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia through family and clinical support, early detection and diagnosis of disease education, advocacy and research; and

WHEREAS, June 21, 2018 is recognized as The Longest Day in honor of the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, selected to signify that every day for a person living with Alzheimer's or serving as their caregiver is the longest day while the whole month of June is dedicated to Alzheimer's awareness; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council recognizes June 2018 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and June 21, 2018 as The Longest Day in hopes of action in the fight against Alzheimer's.