

Resolution No. 2019 - 120

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING JUNE 2019 AS NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH AND JUNE 21ST AS "THE LONGEST DAY" IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, roughly 5.8 million Americans live with Alzheimer's disease, a number that could grow to 14 million Americans by the year 2050, according to the Alzheimer's Association. In California, more than 600,000 residents live with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia; and

WHEREAS, the current projected number of Californians age 65 or older living with Alzheimer's disease is 630,000. By the year 2025, that number may reach as high as 840,000, a 33 percent increase. In Solano County, more than 6,900 residents are living with Alzheimer's and an estimated 20,700 caregivers are providing care for a loved one with Alzheimer's in Solano County; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's dementia is considered one the most expensive conditions in the nation, costing a total of \$290 billion by 2019. By 2050, this cost could rise to \$1.1 trillion. The financial toll that caring for someone with Alzheimer's can be overwhelming, not to mention the strain it can put on families and loved ones. There are more than 16 million Americans providing unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias. In 2019, these caregivers will provide 18.5 billion hours of care valued at nearly \$234 billion; and

WHEREAS, the frequency of Alzheimer's disease is projected to soar and costs for care are expected to skyrocket in coming decades. There is a tremendous need for ongoing research that will lead to effective treatment. Early diagnosis can help but only 16 percent of seniors report that they receive regular cognitive assessments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to June being recognized as National Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, advocates observe June 21, 2019 as "The Longest Day," and encourage Solano County residents to visit www.actionalz.org on the summer solstice for information on how to join the effort to find a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the month of June 2019 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and June 21, 2019 as "The Longest Day" in Solano County.

Dated this 4th day of June, 2019



ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk