



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disease that slowly deteriorates brain cells, affecting one's reasoning skills and ability to perform simple tasks, ultimately leading to memory loss; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's cases in North Carolina are expected to increase 23.5 percent from 170,000 in 2019 to more than 210,000 in 2025; and

WHEREAS, 473,000 caregivers provided over 538,000,000 hours of unpaid care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, which currently has no cure, is the sixth leading cause of death in adults in the United States; and

WHEREAS, with no currently definitive interventions to prevent Alzheimer's disease, essential public health services of early detection, risk reduction and surveillance are necessary to protect and improve the health of citizens; and

WHEREAS, further research of Alzheimer's disease is critical as it is the only cause of death among the top ten causes in the United States that currently cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed; and

WHEREAS, nearly 50 percent of individuals with increased memory problems reported they had not discussed their symptoms with a health care provider, yet early and documented diagnosis when coupled with access to care planning services leads to better outcomes for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, as well as their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, on June 21st of every year, people across North Carolina take part in The Longest Day – a day to raise awareness, support research and care for Alzheimer's patients while encouraging healthy behaviors to reduce the risk of co-occurring conditions, decrease the number of people with undiagnosed dementia, improve medical management of dementia and co-morbidities and assist family caregivers with getting support to help them sustain their vital role; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Alzheimer's patients receive early diagnoses and have access to quality, affordable care, and that further research of this disease continues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2019, as "ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-seventh day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.