

**PROCLAMATION
ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH
JUNE 2020**

WHEREAS, June is **Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month**, a time dedicated to increasing public awareness of Alzheimer's disease, available resources and how you can get involved to support the cause.

WHEREAS, **Alzheimer's** disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States. Deaths due to Alzheimer's have increased an alarming 146 percent since 2000, while deaths for most other major diseases remained flat or decreased. More than 5 million Americans are living with the disease and there are more than 16 million caregivers of people living with **Alzheimer's** and other dementias in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The more than 16 million caregivers provided an estimated 18.6 billion hours of unpaid care, a contribution to the nation valued at more than \$244 billion. In 2020, **Alzheimer's** disease will cost the United States \$305 billion. This number is projected to rise to more than \$1.1 trillion in 2050; and

WHEREAS, Without an effective treatment, prevention or cure, the number of people with **Alzheimer's** disease is expected to increase 15 percent by the year 2025. Almost two-thirds of Americans with **Alzheimer's** disease are women and one in three senior citizens dies with **Alzheimer's** or another dementia. Fifty percent of primary care physicians believe the medical profession is not ready for the growing number of people with **Alzheimer's** or other dementias. We need more geriatricians and primary care physicians trained to take on the growing dementia population; and

WHEREAS, **Alzheimer's** disease is an epidemic that affects more than just the person diagnosed. Family and friends see their loved one struggle with changes related to the brain disease, while dealing with changes to their personal and professional lives. By raising concern for the effects of **Alzheimer's** disease and building awareness for its symptoms and the need to seek early diagnosis, we can improve the quality of life for all; and

WHEREAS, The **Alzheimer's Association** Michigan Chapter offers free resources to people facing **Alzheimer's** disease, including in-person education and support programs, free dial-in and virtual programming to Michigan residents, a 24-Hour Helpline and website at alz.org. It also provides critical international leadership and funding to advance research toward methods of treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure for **Alzheimer's**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaims **June 2020 as Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month** in the City of Troy and joins with the **Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter** to honor all people suffering from this disease and all caregivers of people living with **Alzheimer's** for their strength and determination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy asks everyone to come together this June to support **Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month** and to join the fight against **Alzheimer's** by taking part in the annual **Walk to End Alzheimer's**, the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for **Alzheimer's** care, support and research; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Troy will illuminate City Hall's outside lights used during the holidays from June 23 through June 30 at night in the color purple, the color representing **Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month**.

Presented this 22nd day of June 2020.