

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.121

Reps. Rabhi, Scott, Kahle, Kuppa, Sowerby, Stone, Brann, Jones, Aiyash, Brabec, Breen, Brixie, Cavanagh, Cherry, Clemente, Ellison, Haadsma, Hope, Koleszar, Manoogian, Morse, Puri, Rogers, Sabo, Sneller, Steckloff, Steenland, Weiss, Yaroch and Young offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare June 2021 as Alzheimer's Awareness  
2 Month in the state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative  
4 brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and  
5 leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

6           Whereas, There are no known treatments to prevent, cure, or  
7 even delay the onset or slow the progression of Alzheimer's  
8 disease; and

1       Whereas, An estimated 5.6 million people aged 65 and over have  
2 Alzheimer's disease and another 200,000 people under age 65 have  
3 younger-onset Alzheimer's disease; and

4       Whereas, In Michigan, there are an estimated 190,000 people  
5 aged 65 and over currently living with Alzheimer's; and

6       Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of  
7 death in the United States and the fifth leading cause among the  
8 elderly; and

9       Whereas, According to the Alzheimer's Association's Facts and  
10 Figures report, the direct costs of caring for those with  
11 Alzheimer's to American society is valued at \$350 billion and more  
12 than 16 million caregivers provided over 15.3 billion hours of  
13 unpaid care for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias in 2020.  
14 In Michigan, 517,000 family members and friends cared for people  
15 with Alzheimer's and other dementias, providing 589 million hours  
16 of unpaid care; and

17       Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the efforts of the  
18 Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to  
19 fight Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, thereby improving  
20 the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease  
21 and their caregivers; and

22       Whereas, The month of June 2021 has been declared Alzheimer's  
23 Month to help spread awareness and educate the public on this  
24 debilitating disease and the need to increase efforts to combat its  
25 human and economic costs; now, therefore, be it

26       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
27 this legislative body declare June 2021 as Alzheimer's Awareness  
28 Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the individuals,  
29 families, friends, and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease

1 and the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure, and urge all  
2 residents to wear purple to help spread awareness of the  
3 Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without  
4 Alzheimer's disease.