

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.121

Reps. Rabhi, Scott, Kahle, Kuppa, Sowerby, Stone, Brann and Jones 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

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

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

3       Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of  
4       death in the United States and the fifth leading cause among the  
5       elderly; and

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

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

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

23      Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
24      this legislative body declare June 2021 as Alzheimer's Awareness  
25      Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize the individuals,  
26      families, friends, and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease  
27      and the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure, and urge all  
28      residents to wear purple to help spread awareness of the  
29      Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without

**1** Alzheimer's disease.