



CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

PROCLAMATION HONORING JUNE AS ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

In recognition of the more than five million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, 110,000 of whom live in our State of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is a disease that currently can't be prevented, slowed or cured; and

WHEREAS, every 66 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's, which could result in an estimated 130,000 Wisconsin residents living with the disease by 2025; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in Wisconsin, and kills more people nationwide than breast and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, the total cost in 2017 of caring for those in the United States with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is estimated at \$259 billion; and

WHEREAS, Medicare and Medicaid are expected to cover \$175 billion or 67% of the total health care and long-term care payments for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias, representing a significant financial commitment from federal agencies and the taxpayers who fund them; and

WHEREAS, despite the contributions to coverage made by Medicare and Medicaid, individual out-of-pocket spending is expected to reach \$56 billion or 22% of total payments this year, a staggering financial responsibility for those afflicted and their family caregivers; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers provide approximately 18.2 billion unpaid hours of care, with 35% of dementia caregivers reporting that their own health has gotten worse due to care responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious public health crisis.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tom Mlada, Mayor of our great City of Port Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of June to be

Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

and encourage all our City residents to learn more about Alzheimer's disease, the impact on those affected, and how the adoption of healthy lifestyle habits may reduce the risk of cognitive decline.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Port Washington to be affixed, on this 20th day of June in the year 2017.

Tom Mlada, Mayor