

House Concurrent Resolution No. 26

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCGEE.

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1 **WHEREAS**, in 1983 President Reagan designated November as National Alzheimer's
2 Disease Awareness Month; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, there are more than 5 million people with Alzheimer's disease in the
5 United States and 35 million worldwide; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States
8 and in the state of Missouri; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, there has been an 85% increase in Alzheimer's death in the state of
11 Missouri since 2000; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri is host to several walks and other fundraising events
14 that bring attention to the care, support, and research for Alzheimer's disease; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease is more likely to affect Americans as they grow older,
17 although genetics can also play a role, age is the most significant risk factor. But Alzheimer's
18 touches many more individuals than simply those who are diagnosed; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, in 2015, in the state of Missouri, more than 300,000 caregivers provided
21 over 357 million hours of unpaid care; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, Alzheimer’s and other dementia’s will cost the nation 236 billion
24 dollars; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, by 2020, there will be an estimated 120,000 people aged 65 and older with
27 Alzheimer’s disease:

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29 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
30 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
31 concurring therein, hereby designates the month of November as Alzheimer’s Awareness Month
32 in the state of Missouri; and

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Assembly recommends to the citizens
35 of this state to observe the month by learning more about Alzheimer’s disease and support the
36 individuals living with this disease and their caregivers.

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