



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, there are no known treatments to prevent, cure, or even delay the onset or slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 5.5 million people aged 65 and over have Alzheimer's disease and another 200,000 people under age 65 have younger-onset Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has the 7th highest Alzheimer's death rate in America, representing a 205% increase in Alzheimer's deaths since 2000; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association's Facts and Figures report, the direct costs of caring for those with Alzheimer's to American society is valued at \$259 billion and more than 15 million caregivers provided over 18 billion hours of unpaid care those with Alzheimer's and other dementias in 2016; and in Tennessee, nearly 435,000 family members and friends cared for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, providing 495,000,000 million hours of unpaid care, with the annual value of this caregiving totaling 6,252,000,000 and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee recognizes the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the individuals, families, friends and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease, along with the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure; and

WHEREAS, the month of June 2018 has been recognized as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer's disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as

Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eleventh day of June, 2018.

Governor

Secretary of State

