

RESOLUTION NO. OF 2029

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AND SUPPORTING JUNE AS ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disease of the brain causing deterioration in memory, reasoning, motor skills, and the ability to take care of oneself. The impact of Alzheimer's on individuals, families, and our health care system makes the disease one our nation's primary medical, social, and fiscal challenges; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's affects every level of society. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention: every sixty-six seconds, someone in the United States develops the disease; more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's; and Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death, and it kills more than breast and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia; and

WHEREAS, the social, emotional, and financial impacts of dementia are felt by everyone—persons with dementia, their families, caregivers, and communities; and

WHEREAS, there is approximately 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Alzheimer's and other dementias cost the nation approximately \$236 billion; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are no treatments that can prevent, delay, or reverse Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, stigma leads many people with dementia, and their families, to fear exclusion and differential treatment, preventing them from seeking help and disclosing their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, early detection provides individuals and families to adjust to the diagnosis and plan for the future; and

WHEREAS, all Caddo Parish citizens need to be better informed about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and to work to create more supportive and inclusive communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby declare the month of June 2020 as:

“ALZHEIMER'S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH”

In Caddo Parish and urges citizens and organizations to participate in activities and demonstrations that provide a special opportunity to educate the community about Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

_____ Parish Attorney

_____ Date