

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION

To designate May 6, 2025, as Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Awareness Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder which robs individuals of their memories, leads to significant mental and physical impairments, and impacts caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association is leading the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementias by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Awareness Day serves as an opportunity to educate Louisiana residents on Alzheimer's and dementia, support those affected by the disease, and take proactive measures to maintain brain health; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a public health crisis in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, 95,000 Louisiana adults aged 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's and 13.6% of people aged 45 and older have subjective cognitive decline; and

WHEREAS, 168,000 caregivers are providing 256,000,000 hours of unpaid care at a value of \$3,428,000,000; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the stories, strengths, and efforts of individuals, advocates, families, and caregivers impacted by Alzheimer's disease.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 6, 2025, as Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Awareness Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Alzheimer's Association, Louisiana Chapter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE