STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s is an irreversible and progressive neurodegenerative disease that damages brain cells, causes memory loss, and initiates cognitive decline; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, approximately five million Americans and 110,000 Wisconsinites age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer’s disease; and

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer’s Impact Movement estimates that the number of Wisconsinites diagnosed with Alzheimer’s in Wisconsin will increase by 18.2 percent in 2025, and will nearly double by 2050; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, there are 195,000 unpaid and familial caregivers providing a total of 222,000,000 hours of unpaid care at an approximated value of $2,802,000,000; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease cost the United States approximately $290 billion in 2018, as well as $752 million in Medicaid costs in Wisconsin in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States and has no cure or treatment; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,428 people died from Alzheimer’s disease in Wisconsin in 2017; and

WHEREAS, organizations and individuals across the country recognize June as Alzheimer’s Awareness month in order to encourage continued research and funding efforts to combat the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as

ALZHEIMER’S & BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 19th day of June 2019.

Tony Evers
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State