

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing February 19, 2019, as Alzheimer's Awareness and
2 Advocacy Day.

3 WHEREAS, every 65 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's
4 or another dementia; and

5 WHEREAS, 5.7 million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's and that
6 number is expected to reach to 14 million by the year 2050; and

7 WHEREAS, 71,000 Kentuckians are currently living with Alzheimer's or another
8 form of dementia and that number is projected to grow to more than 85,000 by 2025; and

9 WHEREAS, a quarter of a million family caregivers in Kentucky have provided
10 more than 300 hours of unpaid care, valued at \$3.9 million, to loved ones diagnosed with
11 Alzheimer's or another dementia; and

12 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and
13 is the only one of the top 10 causes of death that cannot be prevented, cured, or slowed;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia, more than
16 breast cancer and prostate cancer, combined; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2018 Alzheimer's and other dementias cost the United States \$277
18 billion; and

19 WHEREAS, the costs associated with Alzheimer's in the United States could
20 increase to as much as \$1.1 trillion per year by 2050; and

21 WHEREAS, early and accurate diagnosis could save up to \$7.9 trillion in medical
22 care and costs; and

23 WHEREAS, as the population of older adults in Kentucky continues to grow, there
24 will be an increased demand for residential, home-based, and community-based services
25 that will in turn mean an increased demand for direct care workers, including home health
26 aides, certified nursing assistants, and personal care aides; and

27 WHEREAS, the Unites States is experiencing a well-documented health care

1 workforce shortage that could jeopardize care for individuals living with Alzheimer's or
2 other dementias;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
5 *Kentucky:*

6 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize February 19, 2019, as
7 Alzheimer's Awareness and Advocacy Day, and heartily welcome those advocates who
8 are visiting the Capitol on this day.

9 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in recognition of
10 Alzheimer's Awareness and Advocacy Day.