
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 50
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Introduced: 6/2/21
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day

SOURCE: Alzheimer's Association

DIGEST: This resolution recognizes the month of June 2021 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and Sunday, June 20, 2021, as The Longest Day, and urges all Californians to commemorate the month of June 2021 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The month of June 2021 has been declared Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month to help educate the public on this debilitating disease and the need to increase efforts to combat its human and economic costs.
- 2) The summer solstice, June 20, 2021, has been declared The Longest Day, with people around the world coming together to honor the strength, passion, and endurance of people facing Alzheimer's disease with a day of activity and advocacy.
- 3) Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to cognitive decline resulting in functional, emotional, and behavioral impairment.
- 4) Alzheimer's disease is always fatal, and it is the third leading cause of death in California today.
- 5) Disparities in detection and diagnosis persist, resulting in less than 50 percent of individuals affected by the disease receiving a formal diagnosis that is disclosed to them by a clinician and documented in their medical record.

- 6) On average, a person with Alzheimer's disease lives four to eight years after diagnosis, but may live as long as 20 years, depending on other factors.
- 7) Age is the greatest risk factor for Alzheimer's disease, which has no known cause, cure, or prevention.
- 8) Individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers need acknowledgment, support, and services to meet their needs over the lengthy progression of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

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Related/Prior Legislation

ACR 198 (Rodriguez, 2020) would have recognized the month of June 2020 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and Saturday, June 20, 2020, as The Longest Day. The resolution died at the Assembly Desk.

ACR 82 (Aguiar-Curry, Resolution Chapter 94, Statutes of 2019) recognized the month of June 2019 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and Friday, June 21, 2019, as The Longest Day.

ACR 239 (Maienschein, Resolution Chapter 162, Statutes of 2018) recognized the month of June 2018 as California's Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and Thursday, June 21, 2018, as The Longest Day in California.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 6/7/21)

Alzheimer's Association (source)

OPPOSITION: (Verified 6/7/21)

None received

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