

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH
JUNE 2016

WHEREAS, today there are more than 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's, a figure that is expected to grow to as many as 16 million by mid-century if we don't develop a cure or an effective treatment; and

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 588,000 people with Alzheimer's living in the State of California, including 5,600 in Marin County, with an additional 16,800 caregivers in Marin County who are looking after a loved one with Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, the greatest known risk factor for Alzheimer's disease is advancing age. It is estimated that 1 in 6 persons may develop a dementia within their life, with the rate increasing to 1 in 3 past age 85. Older adults in Marin identify "losing memory and cognition" as one of their top three concerns; and

WHEREAS, Marin County has a substantial and growing number of older adult residents with persons over the age of 60 comprising 25% of the total population. In fifteen years, 1 in 3 will be over 60, making Marin County the oldest county in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this growing population, the Marin County Board of Supervisors launched the Aging Action Initiative to address the current and future needs of older adults in a number of areas, including the issue of dementia. Through community workshops and education, the Aging Action Initiative is taking short-term action to raise awareness, reduce stigmatization, and provide referral resources for individuals, care partners, and professionals; and

WHEREAS, researchers are making progress in developing ways to accurately diagnose and treat Alzheimer's disease. We need to accelerate the pace of that research if we are going to have a disease-altering treatment in the next 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association is marking June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and June 20, 2016, as "The Longest Day." "The Longest Day" is a sunrise-to-sunset event symbolizing the challenging journey shared by those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the month of June 2016, as "National Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month" and urges every resident to take time to visit www.actionalz.org to learn more about Alzheimer's and to become part of the effort to combat this disease.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 7th day of June 2016.

STEVE KINSEY – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 4 - PRESIDENT

KATHRIN SEARS – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3

