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## DELAWARE STATE SENATE 151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

RECOGNIZING JUNE AS "ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1	WHEREAS, there are currently 6 million Americans with Alzheimer's; by 2050, that number is expected to reach
2	13 million; and
3	WHEREAS, in 2020, there were 19,000 Delawareans living with Alzheimer's; and
4	WHEREAS, every 65 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's, which could result in 23,000
5	Delawareans living with the disease by 2050; and
6	WHEREAS, as our population ages, there is an urgent and continuing need for a dementia-capable workforce in
7	Delaware; and
8	WHEREAS, Alzheimer's impacts families, loved ones, and other caregivers who provided an estimated 67 million
9	hours of unpaid care for Delawareans with Alzheimer's or other dementias in 2020 alone; and
10	WHEREAS, the cost of caring for those throughout the United States with Alzheimer's and other dementias is
11	estimated to be 355 billion dollars in 2021; and
12	WHEREAS, our state government has a critical role in addressing Alzheimer's and other dementias, as highlighted
13	by the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable populations; and
14	WHEREAS, the "Go Purple" campaign is part of a national effort by the Alzheimer's Association as part of
15	"Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month" to raise awareness of the impacts of Alzheimer's and other dementias; and
16	WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, as increased
17	awareness will help lead to early detection and diagnosis, and enhance the quality of care for those affected by Alzheimer's.
18	NOW THEREFORE:
19	BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
20	Representatives concurring therein, that June is "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness" month in the State of Delaware.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate supports increasing public awareness of Alzheimer's and other
22	dementias and encourages all Delawareans to make brain health a part of their everyday lives.

## **SYNOPSIS**

This concurrent resolution recognizes June as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month" in Delaware.

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