



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments. There are no known treatments to prevent, cure, or even delay the onset or slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 5 million people aged 65 and over have Alzheimer's disease and another 200,000 people under age 65 have younger-onset Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and the fifth leading cause among the elderly; and

WHEREAS: Hispanics/Latinos are one and one half times more likely to develop Alzheimer's and African-Americans are two times more likely to develop late-onset Alzheimer's, making it imperative to increase research and improve understanding about the increased incidence of Alzheimer's in people of certain ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: Nearly 249,000 family members and friends care for the 91,000 Minnesotans with Alzheimer's and other dementias, providing 284 million hours of unpaid care of which the annual value totals \$3.5 billion in Minnesota alone; and

WHEREAS: It is important to recognize the stories, struggles, and efforts of the individuals, families, friends and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease, as well as the tireless work of the researchers who are seeking a cause and cure; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, thereby improving the quality of life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS: The summer solstice, June 20, 2016, has been declared The Longest Day, inviting many around the world to come together for a day of activity to honor the strength, passion, and endurance of people facing Alzheimer's disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, June 20, 2016, as:

## ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS DAY

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE