



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain causing deterioration in memory, thinking, judgment, and reasoning ability and affects behavior, emotions, and the ability to care for yourself; and

WHEREAS, more than five million Americans, including more than 520,000 Floridians, are living with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease affects not only those diagnosed, but also their families, friends, caregivers, and communities; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, there are approximately 1.1 million caregivers providing 1.25 billion hours of unpaid care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and

WHEREAS, while there is currently no cure for Alzheimer's disease, there is statewide help available for families, friends, caregivers, and patients in the form of education, support, and services; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' Dementia Care and Cure Initiative leads the statewide effort to become more dementia friendly and takes action to support those diagnosed with dementia, their families, and their caregivers, thereby bettering communities and the state overall; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we recognize the individuals, families, friends, and caregivers dealing with the devastating effects of Alzheimer's disease, the researchers and medical professionals who are seeking causes and a cure, and the educational programs and support services provided by Alzheimer's organizations in Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing November 2017 as *Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 2nd day of November, in the year two thousand seventeen.



Governor