



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, here in Florida, we are working hard to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease is a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder that leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

WHEREAS, more than six million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer's, including approximately 580,000 right here in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the state has a proactive Dementia Action Plan provided by the executive branch; and

WHEREAS, Florida remains the only state in the nation that has Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias as a priority in the State Health Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' Dementia Care and Cure Initiative engages communities across Florida to be more dementia caring and has 16 Dementia Care and Cure Initiative Task Forces throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, The Alzheimer's Disease Initiative in Florida provides a continuum of services to meet the changing needs of individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and

WHEREAS, Florida's 17 Memory Disorder Clinics continuously conduct service-related research and develop caregiver training materials and educational opportunities for lay and professional caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Florida became the first state in the country to offer Project VITAL (Virtual Inclusive Technology for All) dementia-capable tablets throughout the state to seniors living in long-term care facilities and at home living with cognitive impairments; and

WHEREAS, the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program provides funding for over 80 research active grants; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health and the Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Advisory Board support a research agenda through annual funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, June 20th is recognized as "The Longest Day" where the world comes together to raise funds and awareness for the care, support, and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing June 2021, as *Alzheimer's Disease and Brain 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 1st day of June, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



Governor