

# State of Wisconsin



2017 Senate Joint Resolution 59

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** recognizing June 2017 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative, and fatal disease that attacks brain cells and currently has no known cure; and

Whereas, in 2017, 110,000 people 65 years of age or older have Alzheimer's disease in Wisconsin, and that number is expected to rise to 130,000 by 2025; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, across the United States, the cost of caring for those with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia is estimated to be \$259 billion this year; and

Whereas, ten early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease are memory loss that disrupts daily life, challenges in planning or solving problems, difficulty completing familiar daily tasks, confusion with time or place, trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships, newly developed problems with speaking or writing, misplacing things and having the inability to retrace steps, decreased or poor judgment, withdrawal from work or social activities, and changes in mood and personality; and

Whereas, while Alzheimer's disease is currently incurable, treatments exist to slow the worsening of symptoms, assist in maintaining independence, and improve quality of life; and

Whereas, research continues on Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia to learn about these diseases and develop new treatments; and

Whereas, raising awareness of Alzheimer's disease encourages early diagnosis to maximize the effects of treatment interventions and support of critical research; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin Legislature recognizes June 2017 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Roger Roth  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Jeffrey Renk  
Senate Chief Clerk