



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 54

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- 1 **Relating to:** recognizing June 2017 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month.
- 2 Whereas, Alzheimer’s disease is a progressive, degenerative, and fatal disease
- 3 that attacks brain cells and currently has no known cure; and
- 4 Whereas, in 2017, 110,000 people 65 years of age or older have Alzheimer’s
- 5 disease in Wisconsin, and that number is expected to rise to 130,000 by 2025; and
- 6 Whereas, Alzheimer’s disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in Wisconsin;
- 7 and
- 8 Whereas, across the United States, the cost of caring for those with Alzheimer’s
- 9 disease and other types of dementia is estimated to be \$259 billion this year; and
- 10 Whereas, ten early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease are memory loss
- 11 that disrupts daily life, challenges in planning or solving problems, difficulty
- 12 completing familiar daily tasks, confusion with time or place, trouble understanding
- 13 visual images and spatial relationships, newly developed problems with speaking or
- 14 writing, misplacing things and having the inability to retrace steps, decreased or

