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(House Joint Resolution No. 19)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

## Alzheimer's Disease Month - Proclamation

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor of the State to declare the month of November ~~in--each--year~~, 1985 to be designated as the "Alzheimer's Disease Month".

WHEREAS, More than 2,000,000 Americans, including thousands of Marylanders, are affected by Alzheimer's disease, which is a surprisingly common disorder that destroys certain vital cells of the brain; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading cause of death among older Americans; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is responsible for 50% of all nursing home admissions, which represents an annual cost of more than \$20,000,000; and

~~WHEREAS,--in-one-third-of-all-American-families-1-parent-will succumb-to-this-disease;--and~~

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is not a normal consequence of aging; and

WHEREAS, An increase in the national and State awareness of the problem of Alzheimer's disease may stimulate the interest and concern of the American people, which may lead, in turn, to increased research and eventually to the discovery of a cure for Alzheimer's disease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to designate the month of November in each year 1985 as the "Alzheimer's Disease Month" and to issue a proclamation ~~each--year~~ that calls on the people of Maryland to observe each the month of November with appropriate ~~ceremonies~~ programs and activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland, the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg, President of the Senate of Maryland.

Signed May 21, 1985.

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