



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and
- WHEREAS** over 5.3 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, including an estimated 200,000 under age 65 living with younger-onset Alzheimer's disease; included in this number are an estimated 510,000 individuals in the State of Florida of which an estimated 1,660 reside in Monroe County; and
- WHEREAS** every 66 seconds, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease, the sixth leading cause of death in America; and
- WHEREAS** Alzheimer's disease is the only cause of death among the top ten causes of death in America that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed; and
- WHEREAS** in 2016 in the United States, 15.7 million caregivers provided an estimated 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care valued at more than 220 billion dollars; in Florida, over 1 million caregivers provided over 1 billion hours of unpaid care valued at an estimated 16 million dollars; and
- WHEREAS** Alzheimer's disease is the most expensive disease in the United States and in 2016 the direct costs to American society of caring for those with Alzheimer's disease will total an estimated 236 billion dollars; and
- WHEREAS** the human cost of Alzheimer's disease is immeasurable and in recognition of the individuals, families, friends and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease, the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure; and
- WHEREAS** the State of Florida and the City of Key West recognize the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds, provide care and support for those living and caring for someone with Alzheimer's and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers; and

**Now Therefore**, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim, June as:

### **Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month**

And I encourage all residents to educate themselves on the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's and to bring awareness throughout the community.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016.

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Craig Cates, MAYOR