

By Senator Stewart

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing June 18-24, 2017, as  
"Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Awareness Week" in  
Florida.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of  
death in the United States, killing more people than breast  
cancer and prostate cancer combined, and

WHEREAS, 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's  
disease, the vast majority of whom are 65 years of age and  
older, and

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association reports Florida had  
the second highest prevalence rate of Alzheimer's disease in the  
nation in 2016, with more than 510,000 Floridians living with  
the disease and that number expected to rise to 720,000 by 2025,  
and

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association projects that, in the  
absence of the development of medical interventions to prevent  
or cure the disease, the number of Americans living with  
Alzheimer's disease will nearly triple by 2050, and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the only disease among the  
top 10 causes of death in the nation which cannot be prevented,  
cured, or slowed, and

WHEREAS, in 2015, family members and friends for each  
person living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of  
dementia collectively provided 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care  
to all such patients, and approximately two-thirds of these  
caregivers were women and more than one-third were 65 years of  
age or older, and

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30 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association reports that  
31 Alzheimer's disease is one of the costliest chronic diseases,  
32 with total payments nationally for health care, long-term care,  
33 and hospice estimated at \$236 billion in 2016, and

34 WHEREAS, nationwide, nearly one in five Medicare dollars is  
35 spent on people living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms  
36 of dementia, and by 2050 that ratio is expected to increase to  
37 one in every three dollars, with total costs rising to more than  
38 \$1 trillion, and

39 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that in 2016  
40 the cost to Florida's Medicaid program to care for people with  
41 Alzheimer's disease was \$2.336 million, NOW, THEREFORE,

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43 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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45 That June 18-24, 2017, is recognized as "Alzheimer's  
46 Disease and Dementia Awareness Week" in Florida.