



Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder that tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

WHEREAS, this disease preys heavily on specific segments of our community, with persons of color being more likely to develop the disease, and with women accounting for two-thirds of all people living with Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, there are no known treatments to prevent, cure or slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease, the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 6.5 million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer's disease, including 76,000 in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, volunteer caregivers across the U.S. bear an extraordinary burden in caring for loved ones, with more than 11 million caregivers providing over 16 billion hours of unpaid care for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias in 2021; and, in Colorado, more than 159,000 family members and friends provided 184 million hours of unpaid care; and

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association estimates the direct costs of caring for those with Alzheimer's to the United States in 2021 at \$321 billion and this amount is expected to increase to nearly \$1 trillion by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to provide information and educational programs, raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and other dementias will improve the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Gates, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Greeley, do hereby proclaim June 2022, as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Greeley, Colorado, this 7th day of June 2022.

Brett Payton
Mayor Pro Tem