



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, 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 6.2 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 15.3 billion hours of unpaid care for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias in 2020; and, in Colorado, more than 158,000 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 \$355 billion; 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 2021, 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 15th day of June, 2021.

John Gates
Mayor