

Proclamation

DECLARING JUNE AS ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is the seventh-leading cause of death, affecting more than 76,000 Coloradans among 6.5 million Americans and more than 50 million people around the world; and

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, for which there is currently no prevention or cure; and

Whereas, this disease preys heavily on specific segments of our community, with Black Americans twice as likely as Whites to develop the disease, Hispanics 50% more likely than Whites, and women account for two-thirds of all people living with Alzheimer's; and

Whereas, lack of awareness of Alzheimer's disease has resulted in only half of those affected ever being diagnosed, effectively denying countless people access to the Alzheimer's Association's free resources; and

Whereas, the impact of Alzheimer's extends to loved ones of those with the disease, including 159,000 Colorado family members and friends who provided an estimated 184 million hours of unpaid care in 2021 at a value of over \$3.7 billion; and

Whereas, the cost to our country in total payments for healthcare, long-term care, and hospice for people with Alzheimer's disease in 2021 was \$321 billion; and

Whereas, the City of Salida recognizes the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with the disease and their care partners and bringing us closer to finding a cure.

Now, therefore, the City of Salida does hereby proclaim
the month of June, 2022 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month
in the City of Salida.

Dan Shore, Mayor

Date