

Honoring November as 2021 National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month & National Family Caregivers Month

WHEREAS, more than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's and this number is projected to rise to nearly 14 million in 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in America and the 3rd leading cause of death in California. 1 in 5 Californians aged 65+ will develop dementia; and

WHEREAS, there are 690,000 people with Alzheimer's living in California, over 3,000 of whom live in Humboldt, and an estimated 9,000 caregivers in Humboldt County who are involved in the care of a loved one with Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, more than 11 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias. In 2020, caregivers of people with Alzheimer's or other dementias provided an estimated 15.3 billion hours of unpaid assistance, a contribution to the nation valued at nearly \$257 billion; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the lifetime cost of care for a person living with dementia was \$373,527; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of caring for someone with dementia often fall to women; approximately two-thirds of caregivers are women; and

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association is marking November as 2021 National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month & National Family Caregivers Month.

THEREFORE, the County of Humboldt Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month & National Family Caregivers Month in Humboldt County.

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Virginia Bass, Chair