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A resolution by Supervisors Taylor and Martin, recognizing November as annual Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month in Milwaukee County and promoting awareness and advocacy for improved health outcomes, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is a type of dementia that causes complications with memory, thinking, and behavior, developing slowly over time and can become severe enough to interfere with daily tasks; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease primarily effects individuals 65 years and older, but approximately 200,000 Americans under the age of 65 have younger-onset Alzheimer’s disease; and

WHEREAS, 5.8 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s disease and it is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States (U.S.); and

WHEREAS, every 65 seconds, someone in the U.S. develops Alzheimer’s disease; and

WHEREAS, early intervention and diagnosis can be critical in extending life expectancy for those with Alzheimer’s disease; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease and research is on the forefront of priorities for advocacy organizations, such as The Alzheimer’s Association; and

WHEREAS, research and progress is focused on treatment options and the potential of diagnosis before individuals become symptomatic; and

WHEREAS, accurate diagnosis and intervention depends upon regular health screenings and access to a primary care provider, which is not easily accessible to many; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is more prevalent among African-Americans than non-Hispanic whites, including greater familial risk; and

WHEREAS, the increased risk of Alzheimer’s disease in African Americans is not yet widely known about or understood; and

43 WHEREAS, Department on Aging (Aging) currently advocates for increased  
44 access to resources and support for those with dementia, as well as their caregivers,  
45 through promotion of screenings, connection with dementia care specialists, and the  
46 Memory Café program; and

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48 WHEREAS, Aging works with several local agencies, including the Wisconsin  
49 Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, Incorporated, for the provision of support  
50 services and community programs for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease; and

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52 WHEREAS, the 2019 Adopted Budget included funding for an additional  
53 Dementia Care Specialist position after the grant funding for the position expired; and

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55 WHEREAS, the County is committed to its older adult community, including  
56 those with Alzheimer’s disease and supports the promotion of awareness and  
57 advocacy; and

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59 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs at its meeting of  
60 January 29, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 19-965 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

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62 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors recognizes the  
63 month of November as annual Alzheimer’s disease Awareness Month in Milwaukee  
64 County.

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