

**Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida**

A Proclamation

Declaring Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida

- Whereas,** Alzheimer's disease is a public health crisis; and
- Whereas,** there are over 580,000 residents of Florida who have a neurocognitive disorder, and who are among the most fragile and vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19; and
- Whereas,** over 1.152 million family caregivers in Florida provided over 1 billion (1,312,000,000) hours of unpaid care to their senior family members who have a neurocognitive disorder; and
- Whereas,** 7,003 families who must cope with the disease process daily live in Martin County; and
- Whereas,** it is important that the safety and well-being of Alzheimer's families living in our local communities are preserved, as well as their dignity and quality of life, and that services and resources are accessible to all cultures; and
- Whereas,** we extend gratitude to those advocates and service providers, including Alzheimer's Community Care and the Alzheimer's Association Southeast Florida Chapter, who provide vital care and support, value the need for dementia-specific care, and support Alzheimer's families and a cure for Alzheimer's patients.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that November 2020 is Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida. Further, the board urges the citizens of Martin County to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and attend educational events during Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month.

Presented this Tenth Day of November 2020

ATTEST:

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