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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH – JUNE 2017

WHEREAS, today there are more than 5.5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's dementia, a figure that is expected to grow to as many as 16 million people by mid-century if a cure of effective treatment is not developed; and

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 630,000 people with Alzheimer's living in California and over 3,000 residing in Napa County. Additionally, 9,000 caregivers in Napa County are supporting loved ones afflicted with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Home of California, Yountville, is home to many military veterans. Research has shown that soldiers and veterans are at elevated risk of traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other war-related injuries, which put them at an increased risk for Alzheimer's and other dementias; and

WHEREAS, although researchers are making great progress in developing ways to accurately diagnose and treat Alzheimer's disease, we need to accelerate the pace of that research to achieve a cure or effective treatment within the next 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association is marking June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and June 21 as The Longest Day, which focuses on love for all those affected by Alzheimer's disease. On the summer solstice, team up with the Alzheimer's Association and select any activity you love — or an activity loved by those affected — to help end Alzheimer's. Together, we will raise funds and awareness for care and support while advancing research toward the first survivor of Alzheimer's.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Belia Ramos, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim June 2017 to be Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and urge every resident to take time to visit www.alz.org/abam to learn more about Alzheimer's and become part of the effort to combat this disease.

Belia Ramos, Chair
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