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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE SERIOUSNESS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS IN IDAHO BY ENDORSING THE IDAHO ALZHEIMER'S PLANNING GROUP AND SUPPORTING SAID PLANNING GROUP'S COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE PLAN TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND CAREGIVERS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, some 26,000 Idahoans are currently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and the number is projected to double in the next 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is projected to have the fifth highest increase in people suffering from Alzheimer's disease among all of the United States over the next several years; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the only major cause of death that has a mortality rate that continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's mortality rate from Alzheimer's disease is consistently higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, 41% of the more than 12,000 Idahoans living in nursing homes have moderate to severe dementia; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Alzheimer's Planning Group is developing a plan to address the problem of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Plan for Alzheimer's disease and other dementias will help agencies, organizations and individuals develop specific programs and strategies to meet the needs of Alzheimer's patients, their families and caregivers at the state, regional and local levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the state of Idaho acknowledges the seriousness of the impact of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias upon the state by endorsing the Idaho Alzheimer's Planning Group's community awareness, data collection and resulting statewide plan development and implementation efforts to address the issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, support Idaho Alzheimer's Planning Group's comprehensive approach toward educating the public about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; collecting and analyzing statewide data related to current and future needs for Alzheimer's patients, families and caregivers; and recommending programs and strategies for addressing those needs.