

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE SERIOUSNESS OF
2 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS IN IDAHO BY ENDORSING THE IDAHO
3 ALZHEIMER'S PLANNING GROUP AND SUPPORTING SAID PLANNING GROUP'S COM-
4 PREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE PLAN TO ADDRESS
5 THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS, THEIR
6 FAMILY MEMBERS AND CAREGIVERS.
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8 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 WHEREAS, some 26,000 Idahoans are currently diagnosed with Alzheimer's
10 disease, and the number is projected to increase significantly through 2025;
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12 WHEREAS, Idaho is projected to have the fifth highest increase in people
13 suffering from Alzheimer's disease among all of the United States over the
14 next several years; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Idaho's mortality rate from Alzheimer's disease is consis-
18 tently higher than the national average; and

19 WHEREAS, 41% of Idahoans living in nursing homes have moderate to severe
20 dementia; and

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

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

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
29 sion of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Repre-
30 sentatives concurring therein, that the State of Idaho acknowledges the se-
31 riousness of the impact of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias upon the
32 state by endorsing the Idaho Alzheimer's Planning Group's community aware-
33 ness, data collection and resulting statewide plan development and imple-
34 mentation efforts to address the issue.

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