

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE SERIOUSNESS OF
3 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS IN IDAHO BY ENDORSING THE
4 IDAHO ALZHEIMER'S PLANNING GROUP'S STATEWIDE PLAN TO INCREASE PUB-
5 LIC AWARENESS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC TRAINING
6 FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS, TO COORDINATE SUPPORT
7 SERVICES FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS, TO CREATE A
8 POSITIVE REGULATORY AND FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND TO DEVELOP AN ONGOING
9 SOURCE OF DATA COLLECTION.

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

11 WHEREAS, some 26,000 Idahoans are currently diagnosed with Alzheimer's
12 disease, and the number is projected to increase significantly through 2025;
13 and

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the Idaho Alzheimer's Planning Group has developed a plan to
24 address the problem of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias throughout
25 the state; and

26 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Plan for Alzheimer's disease and related de-
27 mentias is designed to help agencies, organizations and individuals develop
28 specific programs and strategies to meet the needs of Alzheimer's patients,
29 their families and caregivers at the state, regional and local levels.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
31 sion of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
32 the Senate concurring therein, that the State of Idaho acknowledges the se-
33 riousness of the impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias upon
34 the state and its people.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the First Regular Session of
36 the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the
37 Senate concurring therein, endorse the Idaho Alzheimer's Planning Group's
38 statewide plan for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) and
39 its recommendations to increase public awareness about ADRD and provide
40 information about the disease; to provide ADRD-specific training and educa-
41 tion for providers and caregivers; to coordinate support services for ADRD
42 patients, family members and caregivers; to create a positive regulatory
43 and financial environment for addressing dementia related issues; and to

- 1 develop an ongoing source of data collection on the needs of Idaho's ADRD
- 2 patients, families and caregivers.