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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**ADOPTION OF THE STATE PLAN ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED  
DISORDERS**

Introduced By: Representatives Ackerman, Ucci, Marszalkowski, McNamara, and  
Shekarchi

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1           WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a fatal, degenerative disease of the brain that impairs  
2 cognitive function, memory, and behavior; and

3           WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is not part of the normal aging process; and

4           WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States  
5 and the fifth leading cause of death for those over 65 years of age; and

6           WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the only leading cause of death that cannot be  
7 prevented, cured, or even slowed; and

8           WHEREAS, An estimated 5.7 million people nationwide have Alzheimer's disease,  
9 including 200,000 individuals under the age of 65; and

10           WHEREAS, Rhode Island is projected to have 27,000 individuals with Alzheimer's  
11 disease by 2025; and

12           WHEREAS, This General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence  
13 Plantations hereby affirmed the need for a state plan for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders  
14 and directed the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council to convene an Alzheimer's disease and  
15 related disorders working group (hereafter "working group"), by Joint Resolution during the  
16 January Session, A.D. 2012; and

17           WHEREAS, The working group transmitted to the Governor and to the General  
18 Assembly a state plan for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in 2013; and

19           WHEREAS, The working group has commissioned a five year update regarding the

1 important developments in the area of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; now therefore be  
2 it

3           RESOLVED, That this General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence  
4 Plantations hereby recognizes that people with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorders and their  
5 families must have all of the information and support they need and services delivered as  
6 effectively and efficiently as possible; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby supports the adoption of the five year  
8 update to the state plan for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in the State of Rhode Island  
9 as developed by the working group; and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Gina Raimondo, Governor of the  
12 State of Rhode Island.

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