

# Proclamation

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WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disease that slowly deteriorates brain cells, affecting one's reasoning skills and abilities to perform simple tasks, ultimately leading to memory loss; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's cases in Florida are expected to increase 24 percent from 580,000 in 2020 to more than 720,000 in 2025; and more than 18,000 residents are living with Alzheimer's in Polk County alone; and

WHEREAS, residents across Polk County take part in The Polk County Walk to End Alzheimer's to raise awareness and support research and care for Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Floridians with Alzheimer's receive early diagnoses and have access to quality, affordable care, and that further research of this disease continues;

NOW, THEREFORE, we hereby proclaim **December 7, 2023**, as:

**Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Day**



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