

Supporting The Alzheimer's Association Annual Memory Walk In Ulster County

The Health Services Committee (Chairman Robert Parete and Legislators Briggs, Stoeckeler, Terpening, Petit, Roberti and Ronk) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk® is the nation's largest annual event to raise awareness and funds for the fight against Alzheimer's disease; teams are the heart of Memory Walk - people working together to support the millions affected by Alzheimer's, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to create and promote comprehensive and humane care for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, to provide support for their families and professional caregivers, and to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, and all chapters of the Alzheimer's Association strive to increase public awareness, provide education, create and encourage replication of model programs, collaborating with research centers, and undertaking advocacy, and

WHEREAS, every 70 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's is an age-related, progressive, irreversible brain disorder that develops gradually and results in memory loss, behavior and personality changes, and a decline in the ability to think, make decisions, communicate, or do even the simplest and most familiar activities. Alzheimer's is not a normal part of getting older. The disease generally strikes between the age of 70 and 80, but can occur in people as young as 30. On average, people with Alzheimer's live for 8 to 10 years after they are diagnosed, though the disease can last for up to 20 years. There is no known cure, and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease does not discriminate; By the year 2050, more than 20 percent of all New Yorkers will either have the disease or will be taking care of someone who does. If a cure or treatment isn't found, Alzheimer's will be the biggest health care crisis of the 21st Century, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature acknowledges the gravity of this disease and supports the work of all Alzheimer's Associations nationwide to raise awareness and funds for the fight against Alzheimer's disease, and

WHEREAS, the Health Services Committee has met and supports this effort with a majority of the members voting approval, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature recognizes the local and national effort of the Alzheimer's Association and encourages all County residents to support the Ulster County Memory Walk by wearing purple to show support or

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joining in the walk on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Ulster County Community College in Stone Ridge, New York. Registration begins at 9:00 AM and the walk begins at 10:00 AM, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature designates October 24, 2009 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day in Ulster County,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Decker, Felicello
and Shapiro)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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