

**WHEREAS:** Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder that tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to severe mental and physical impairments; and

**WHEREAS:** more than 7.2 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, including an estimated 500,000 under the age of 65 suffering from younger-onset Alzheimer's; and

**WHEREAS:** in the State of Florida alone, approximately 580,000 individuals are living with Alzheimer's disease, including an estimated 47,800 residents of Broward County; and

**WHEREAS:** Alzheimer's is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States, and it is the only disease among the top ten causes of death that cannot be prevented, cured, or even slowed; and

**WHEREAS:** Alzheimer's disease is one of the most financially burdensome diseases in the United States, with direct care costs expected to total more than \$413 billion in 2025. In Florida alone, over 870,000 caregivers are projected to provide over 1.4 billion hours of unpaid care valued at approximately \$29 billion; and

**WHEREAS:** the human cost of Alzheimer's disease is immeasurable, and it deeply affects not only those diagnosed but also their families, friends, and caregivers; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Pompano Beach recognizes and commends the Alzheimer's Association and its dedicated volunteers, including those involved in the Broward Walk to End Alzheimer's, for their ongoing efforts to raise awareness, fund research, and provide critical support to families impacted by this disease;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Rex Hardin, Mayor, of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim June as Alzheimer's Awareness Month in the City of Pompano Beach, and I encourage all residents to educate themselves on the warning signs of Alzheimer's disease and to support ongoing efforts to combat this devastating illness.

**DONE** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

