



Proclamation Alzheimer's Awareness

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated nearly 7 million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer's, including 202,800 in Michigan, Alzheimer's disease is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States, and one in three seniors dies with Alzheimer's or dementia; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association's Facts and Figures report, the direct costs of caring for those with Alzheimer's to American society is valued at \$360 billion and more than 11 million caregivers provide 18.4 billion hours of unpaid care to those with Alzheimer's or other dementia; and in Michigan, 380,000 family members and friends cared for people with Alzheimer's and other dementia, providing more than 872 million hours of unpaid care, with the annual value of this caregiving totaling more than \$17 billion; and,

WHEREAS, there are more than 69,000 individuals 65 and older living in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and 7,100 of them have reported an Alzheimer's disease diagnosis resulting in a more than 10% prevalence rate; and,

WHEREAS, Marquette recognizes the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's and other dementia, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sally Davis, Mayor, on behalf of the Marquette City Commission do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 28, 2024, as:

2024 MARQUETTE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S DAY

in Marquette, and urge all residents to continue to provide and enhance care for individuals living with Alzheimer's and other dementia and to support programs to help all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia.

DATED this 9th day of September, 2024.

Sally Davis, Mayor