

Preserve Federal Research Funding for Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias
and Support Funding for Local Initiatives
Sponsored by Mayor Hardie Davis (Augusta, GA)

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association estimates 5.8 million are living with Alzheimer's and other dementias,

WHEREAS, the families and loved ones of those of individuals are impacted by Alzheimer's and other dementias in the United States;

WHEREAS, the number of Americans living with Alzheimer's and other dementias continues to rise;

WHEREAS, dementia results in a decline in memory, language, and other cognitive skills that impact an individual's capability to perform day-to-day activities;

WHEREAS, the symptoms of dementia vary from person to person;

WHEREAS, the exact cause of dementia is often unknown;

WHEREAS, there is no known cure or medicines to fully prevent the development of dementia;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that Alzheimer's and other dementias costs the nation \$232 billion in 2018;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates roughly 16 million caregivers provided over 18 billion hours of care each year for individuals with dementia in 2018;

WHEREAS, neurological research continues to make progress in the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's and other dementias;

WHEREAS, local governments and communities are on the frontline of providing essential services to elderly with Alzheimer's and other dementias;

WHEREAS, increased research and community support services are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide additional access to quality care for individuals living with Alzheimer's and other dementias;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the African American Mayors Association calls on the President of the United States and members of Congress to continue strong funding support of Alzheimer's and other dementias research activities at the National Institutes of Health;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the African American Mayors Association urges Congress to pass legislation authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services and its agencies to further assist local governments and families to provide improved services for those living with Alzheimer's and other dementias.