

Senate Resolution No. 2486

**BY:** Senator COONEY

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2024, as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official months that are set aside to increase awareness of serious issues that affect the lives of citizens of New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2024, as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** There are approximately 6.9 million people living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia in the United States in 2024, 427,000 of whom are New York State residents over the age of 65; and

**WHEREAS,** Every 65 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's, which could result in an estimated 460,000 New Yorkers living with the disease by 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Alzheimer's kills more people than breast and prostate cancer combined; and

**WHEREAS,** Researchers believe about 110 of every 100,000 people age 30 to 64 years, or about 200,000 Americans in total, have younger-onset dementia; and

**WHEREAS,** The total lifetime cost of care for a person in the United States with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is estimated at \$400,000 dollars; and

**WHEREAS,** Average per-person Medicare spending for seniors with Alzheimer's is almost three times higher than average per-person spending for all other seniors; under Medicaid, spending is, on average, 23 times higher; and

**WHEREAS,** In New York, 543,000 caregivers provided 879 million hours of unpaid care, the report found, while 70% of dementia caregivers report that coordinating care is stressful; and

**WHEREAS,** Findings from two national surveys reveal that discrimination is a barrier to Alzheimer's and dementia care; more than one-third of Black Americans (36%), and nearly one-fifth of Hispanic Americans (18%) and Asian Americans (19%), believe discrimination would be a barrier to receiving Alzheimer's care; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, half or more of non-White caregivers say they have experienced discrimination when navigating health care settings for their care recipient; and

**WHEREAS,** It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 2024, as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.