

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE SERIOUSNESS OF
2 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS IN IDAHO BY ENDORSING THE IDAHO
3 ALZHEIMER'S PLANNING GROUP AND SUPPORTING SAID PLANNING GROUP'S COM-
4 PREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE PLAN TO ADDRESS
5 THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS, THEIR
6 FAMILY MEMBERS AND CAREGIVERS.
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8 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 WHEREAS, some 26,000 Idahoans are currently diagnosed with Alzheimer's
10 disease, and the number is projected to double in the next 14 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Idaho is projected to have the fifth highest increase in people
12 suffering from Alzheimer's disease among all of the United States over the
13 next several years; and

14 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the only major cause of death that has a
15 mortality rate that continues to increase; and

16 WHEREAS, Idaho's mortality rate from Alzheimer's disease is consis-
17 tently higher than the national average; and

18 WHEREAS, 41% of the more than 12,000 Idahoans living in nursing homes
19 have moderate to severe dementia; and

20 WHEREAS, the Idaho Alzheimer's Planning Group is developing a plan to
21 address the problem of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias throughout
22 the state; and

23 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Plan for Alzheimer's disease and other demen-
24 tias will help agencies, organizations and individuals develop specific
25 programs and strategies to meet the needs of Alzheimer's patients, their
26 families and caregivers at the state, regional and local levels.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
28 sion of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Repre-
29 sentatives concurring therein, that the state of Idaho acknowledges the se-
30 riousness of the impact of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias upon the
31 state by endorsing the Idaho Alzheimer's Planning Group's community aware-
32 ness, data collection and resulting statewide plan development and imple-
33 mentation efforts to address the issue.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Second Regular Session of
35 the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representa-
36 tives concurring therein, support Idaho Alzheimer's Planning Group's com-
37 prehensive approach toward educating the public about Alzheimer's disease
38 and other dementias; collecting and analyzing statewide data related to cur-
39 rent and future needs for Alzheimer's patients, families and caregivers; and
40 recommending programs and strategies for addressing those needs.