

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, 7.2 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, including an estimated 500,000 under age 65 living with younger-onset Alzheimer's disease; included in this number are an estimated 580,000 individuals in the State of Florida of which an estimated 47,800 reside in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the seventh leading cause of death in America; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the only cause of death among the top ten causes of death in America that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is one of the most expensive diseases in the United States and in 2024 in the United States, nearly 12 million caregivers provided an estimated 18 billion hours of unpaid care valued at more than 413 billion dollars; and in Florida, over 870,000 caregivers provided over 1.4 billion hours of unpaid care valued at an estimated 29 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the human cost of Alzheimer's disease is immeasurable and in recognition of the individuals, families, friends, and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease, the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and the City of Margate recognize the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arlene R. Schwartz, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim June 2025 as

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 1st day of June 2025.

ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, MAYOR