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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** June 14, 2016  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** **Mike Dent**  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution proclaiming June 2016 as National Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in Nevada County.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

The population age 65 years or older numbered 46.2 million in 2014 and represented 14.5% of the U.S. population, about one in every seven Americans. The number of older Americans increased by 10 million, or 28%, since 2004. In Nevada County approximately 23% of our population is over the age of 65.

The increased number of persons aged 65 years old and older will impact communities across the nation, and in Nevada County, in various ways. Communities will need to evaluate and address a variety of long term services and supports that contribute to a healthy, aging population. This includes housing, employment, care giving services, transportation, disease prevention and accessibility to health care providers to name a few.

Alzheimer's disease impacts more than 588,000 people with Alzheimer's living in the state of California, over 2,545 who are in Nevada County, and additionally another 7,635 caregivers in Nevada County who are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's. This number is expected to grow to as many as 16 million Americans by mid-century if a cure or effective treatment is not developed.

By issuing this proclamation, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors will formally recognize the month of June 2016 as National Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and encourages the residents of Nevada County to visit the Alzheimer's Association website to learn more about this disease and become a part of the effort to combat the disease.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Mike Dent, Director of Social Services