

A RESOLUTION urging state police, city police, county sheriffs and deputies, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel in cities of 25,000 or more to receive one hour of training annually on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease International estimates that 44 million people worldwide are living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia; and

WHEREAS, that number is expected to increase dramatically to more than 135 million people by 2050; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, someone develops Alzheimer's disease every 67 seconds, and by mid-century that number will shrink to every 33 seconds; and

WHEREAS, on top of the significant personal costs associated with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, there are staggering economic costs. The disease costs this country approximately \$214 billion annually, and a diagnosis triples the healthcare costs for an average person over 65 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is considered the third-largest killer in the country; and

WHEREAS, as Kentucky's population ages, it is imperative that the Commonwealth is prepared to best care for individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia; and

WHEREAS, because state police, city police, county sheriffs, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel are vital in their role as protectors of people and public safety and as first responders, it would be impactful and beneficial to ensure they receive training on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. State police, city police, county sheriffs and deputies, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel in cities of 25,000 or more are urged to receive

one hour of training annually on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

→Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police at 919 Versailles Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; the Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services at 118 James Court, Suite 50, Lexington, Kentucky 40505; and to each local police department, county sheriff's office, and local fire department.