

RESOLUTION

Subject: Support Initiatives of the KY Office of Dementia Services

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Referred to: Reference Committee

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WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease and related dementias represent a growing public health challenge, with increasing prevalence, significant morbidity and mortality, and substantial impact on patients, caregivers, and healthcare systems; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with dementia and their caregivers require coordinated, comprehensive, and accessible services across the continuum of care; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Office of Dementia Services (ODS), within the Department for Aging and Independent Living, provides statewide leadership in improving quality of life for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers through education, community engagement, and system coordination; and

WHEREAS, the ODS advances key initiatives including promoting brain health and risk reduction, enhancing early detection and diagnosis, supporting caregivers, strengthening a dementia-capable workforce, and coordinating implementation of the Kentucky Dementia State Plan; and

WHEREAS, programs such as Dementia Friendly Communities and Dementia Friends Kentucky aim to increase public awareness, reduce stigma, and foster supportive environments for individuals living with dementia; and

WHEREAS, physicians and healthcare organizations play a critical role in recognizing cognitive impairment, guiding care planning, educating patients and families, and connecting individuals to community resources; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA encourages physicians and healthcare systems to engage with and utilize appropriate Office of Dementia Services (ODS) resources to support patients living with dementia and their caregivers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA supports efforts to enhance early detection of cognitive impairment and improve access to dementia-related care and services across the state; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA supports public health initiatives that promote brain health, reduce dementia risk, and improve awareness and education about dementia.