

City of Lawton  
**Proclamation**

*Whereas*, Alzheimer’s Disease is an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills, and eventually limits the ability to carry out the simplest tasks; and

*Whereas*, Alzheimer’s is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S., and the fifth leading cause of death for those aged 65 and older. More than 1,700 Oklahomans die from Alzheimer’s disease each year; and

*Whereas*, nearly six million Americans – and more than 67,000 Oklahomans aged 65 and older – are living with Alzheimer’s; and

*Whereas*, the number of people with Alzheimer’s is expected to triple in the next 35 years and one in seven Oklahomans over age 45 report they are experiencing confusion or memory loss that is happening more often or is getting worse; and

*Whereas*, The Oklahoma State Department of Health’s “Oklahoma Healthy Brain Initiative” is working to help build a better infrastructure in Oklahoma for those facing this disease.; and

*Whereas*, this month, the City of Lawton stands united with those living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, their families and caregivers, and all Oklahomans dedicated to addressing Alzheimer’s through continued research and funding efforts, and the development of new and innovative approaches to fighting the disease

*Now, Therefore*, I, Stan Booker, Mayor, City of Lawton, do hereby June 2022 to be

# Alzheimer’s and Brain Health Awareness Month

and encourage all citizens to learn more about Alzheimer’s Disease and participate in the Oklahoma State Department of Health’s “Oklahoma Healthy Brain Initiative” to help protect themselves from the devastating impact of Alzheimer’s Disease.

*In Witness Whereof*, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, to be affixed hereto this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

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*Stan Booker, Mayor*