

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 388 (Limón) - Alzheimer’s Disease]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 388, authored by Assembly**
4 **Member Monique Limón and co-authored by California State Senator Hannah-Beth**
5 **Jackson, to require the California State Department of Public Health to implement the**
6 **Health Brain Initiative: State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address**
7 **Dementia, the 2018-2023 Road Map and establish a pilot program in up to eight**
8 **counties to develop local initiatives to raise awareness on Alzheimer’s Disease and**
9 **other dementias.**

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11 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease is the third leading cause of death impacting millions
12 of lives throughout California; and

13 WHEREAS, Less than half of all Californians affected by Alzheimer’s disease and other
14 dementias have not been formerly diagnosed by a clinician; and

15 WHEREAS, Although the onset of Alzheimer’s cannot yet be stopped or reversed,
16 early detection and diagnosis can make it easier for patients and their families to manage the
17 disease; and

18 WHEREAS, Under current California law, the California Department of Public Health
19 administers grants to any postsecondary high education institutions with a medical center to
20 establish diagnostic and treatment centers for Alzheimer’s; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2018, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
22 published the “Health Brain Initiative: State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address
23 Dementia, The 2018-2023 Road Map,” to establish a nationwide framework for addressing
24 Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Healthy Brain Initiative advances cognitive health as an integral
2 component of public health by proposing 25 specific actions in four traditional domains of
3 public health including epidemiology, environmental, interventions, community programs
4 linked to clinical services; and

5 WHEREAS, The Healthy Brain Initiative provides a foundation for the public health
6 community to anticipate and respond to the growing impact of Alzheimer’s disease and other
7 dementias in California where a 30 percent increase in the affected population is projected by
8 2025; and

9 WHEREAS, The California Department of Public Health shall expand California’s public
10 health infrastructure to ensure that brain health is integrated into chronic disease prevention
11 by coordinating a statewide public awareness campaign focused on Alzheimer’s disease and
12 other dementias; and

13 WHEREAS, The California Department of Public Health will educate the public on the
14 signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias in order to promote early
15 detection and timely diagnosis; and

16 WHEREAS, The California Department of Public Health will reach populations at risk of
17 developing Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, including, but not limited to African
18 Americans, Latinx, and women; and

19 WHEREAS, Upon appropriation by the State Legislature, the California Department of
20 Public Health will operate a pilot program in up to eight counties to develop local initiatives
21 consistent with the Healthy Brain Initiative; and

22 WHEREAS, The California Department of Public Health will provide on-time grant
23 funding over three consecutive fiscal years to pilot counties to assist in the following:
24 education and empowerment of the public with regard to brain health and cognitive aging;
25 mobilizing public and private partnerships to engage local stakeholders in effective

1 community-based interventions; ensure a competent workforce by strengthening the
2 knowledge, skills, and abilities of health care professionals and family caregivers who deliver
3 care and services to people with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias; and monitor data
4 and evaluate programs to contribute to evidence-based practices; and

5 WHEREAS, Counties applying for the pilot program must incorporate the following
6 fundamental planning principles: eliminating health disparities; collaborating across multiple
7 sectors; and leveraging public and private partnerships for sustained impact; and

8 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 388 is designed to address the costs of treating
9 Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias which cost the nation \$2.3 trillion in Medicaid costs
10 annually; and

11 WHEREAS, The lifetime cost of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias is over
12 \$340,000 despite significant help from the Medi-Cal program, the bulk of costs are incurred by
13 families paying out of pocket for long-term services and support; and

14 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 388 will take active steps in improving patient outcomes
15 and reducing costs associated with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias; now, therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges
18 the California Legislature and Governor Newsom to support and pass California State
19 Assembly Bill No. 388; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of
21 Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to the
22 Governor of the State of California, the California State Assembly, the California State Senate,
23 the California Assembly Budget Committee Chair Assembly Member Phil Ting, the California
24 Assembly Health and Human Services Committee Acting Chair Assembly Member Eloise
25 Gomez Reyes, the California Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Chair Senator

1 Holly Mitchell, and the California Senate Health and Human Services Committee Chair
2 Senator Richard Pan.

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