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## **Rohrkaste Congratulates Alzheimer's Association on Awareness Grant**

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**Madison, WI** – Today, State Rep. Mike Rohrkaste (R-Neenah) congratulated the Alzheimer's Association of Wisconsin on its recent receipt of a \$500,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to promote greater awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The grant to the Alzheimer's Association will help fund the organization's upcoming "Wisconsin Campaign for Alzheimer's Awareness".

"The Alzheimer's Association and its chapters around the state do amazing work on behalf of individuals suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia, as well as their families and friends," Rohrkaste said. "I am proud to have authored the legislation that authorized the Department of Health Services to make Alzheimer's awareness grants."

Assembly Bill 632, which Representative Rohrkaste introduced with the support of a bipartisan coalition of legislators, was signed into law as Act 186 earlier this year. It authorized the Department of Health Services to award up to \$500,000 in grants to increase awareness of Alzheimer's and dementia in rural and underserved urban areas in Wisconsin. Representative Rohrkaste had previously chaired the Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia.

"Many Wisconsin residents who have loved ones suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia aren't aware of the resources available to them," Representative Rohrkaste said. "This grant will go a long way toward getting them the help they need, and I look forward to continuing to work with the Alzheimer's Association in their endeavors."

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