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OSA Celebrates Pride Month and Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Welcome Summer! June marks two important issues surrounding Diversity and Inclusion and this month The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) celebrates Pride Month by recognizing the contributions the LGBTQ+ community have made to our great state and demonstrating how you can show your Pride. Additionally, the OSA is happy to join in observing Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month by speaking to one of our own staff members about her role as a caregiver and how people can get involved and obtain more information for caregiver support.

Communities around the country hold Pride Marches during Pride Month. Join LGBTQ+ people and allies to celebrate gay rights and equality for everyone! The parades are inclusive, entertaining, and fun, and everyone is welcome!

Show your Pride

The rainbow flag, also known as the Pride Flag, was originally designed by activist Gilbert Baker after fellow activist Harvey Milk

challenged him to design a symbol of pride for the gay community prior to the Gay Freedom Day Parade on June 25, 1978. Today the rainbow flag is widely recognized as a symbol for LGBTQ+ pride. So whether you hang a flag outside your house or put on a rainbow tee, let your colors fly!



Be a Supportive Ally

Demonstrate acceptance, tolerance, trustworthiness, and accountability with the LGBTQ+ community. This is a lifelong commitment that must be recognized by the community.

"I want to be a trusted and visible ally for all LGBTQ+ friends, neighbors, and constituents. Know you can trust me and I will support you and you will always have a welcoming and positive reception from me and my office."

Brian S. Colón, State Auditor.

This year the Santa Fe Pride parade will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will start from the PERA Building with a procession down Old Santa Fe Trail through the Plaza. Opening ceremonies, music and live bands, and entertainment will begin immediately following the parade.



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June is also Alzheimer's & Brain awareness Month and according to the Alzheimer's Association there are 50 Million people worldwide who are living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. The OSA is pleased to join in the movement to share information

and spread Alzheimer's awareness because every brain is worth saving!

Alzheimer's Association: New Mexico Chapter

The New Mexico Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, located at 9500 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Ste. 121 in Albuquerque, offer many programs and presentations for both people living with Alzheimer's and caregivers alike. Including, Education Bootcamps where family and professional caregivers will learn to understand the disease and the importance of self-care.



“As a caregiver to my mother, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Lewy Body Dementia at the age of 65, I understand the challenges families face when confronted with this horrible disease,” said Stephanie W. Telles, the Director of the Government Accountability Office at the OSA. “It's so comforting and meaningful to have the support from the OSA and State Auditor Colón in providing this platform to share information and help spread awareness.”

Making Strides in New Mexico

Earlier this month scientists at the University of New Mexico announced a major breakthrough for a new vaccine that could help prevent Alzheimer's. “We have incredible researches right here at home that are making tremendous strides in Alzheimer's prevention,” said Auditor Colón. “The research comes directly from UNM's Health and Sciences Department and that makes me proud!”

Resources

The New Mexico Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association reaches all communities in New Mexico, including Taos, Las Cruces, Aztec, and other rural areas. For more information on the Education Bootcamps or other resources offered you can call (505) 266-4473 or visit the website at: www.alz.org/newmexico.