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Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

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The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor
State of Maryland
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House, H-107
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
State House, H-101
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: Chapters 410 and 411 of the Acts of 2019 (HB 571/SB 522) and HG §13-3207 - 2019 Report of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council

Dear Governor Hogan, President Miller, and Speaker Jones:

Pursuant to Health-General Article, §13-3207, Annotated Code of Maryland, and Chapters 410 and 411 of the Acts of 2019, the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council (Council) is directed to report on activities and recommendations of the Council on or before September 1 of each year.

Chapters 410 and 411 of the Acts of 2019 (HB 571/SB 522), effective July 1, 2019, extended the sunset date for the Council to September 30, 2024 and modified the required activities, and membership of the Council. The new iteration of the Council is required to: (1) update the State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders and advocate for the State plan; (2) examine the needs of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders and their caregivers, and identify methods through which the State can most effectively and efficiently assist in meeting those needs; (3) advise the Governor and the General Assembly on policy, funding, regulatory, and other issues related to individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders and their caregivers; and (4) develop and promote strategies to encourage brain health and reduce cognitive decline.

The new Council is in the process of being seated and will meet once formed. At this time, there are no activities or recommendations to report, in accordance with the new reporting requirement. In 2018, the prior version of the Council met on four occasions: January 17, April 18, July 18, and October 17; in 2019, the Council met twice: January 16 and April 17. The Council discussed topics including supporting prevention and early detection of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, enhancing quality of care and public awareness for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, and improving data capacity to track progress of interventions. The Council hosted several guest speakers at these meetings, including individuals from the Alzheimer's Association, the Maryland Primary Care Program, the Maryland Department of Health's Office of Health Care Quality, and the Johns Hopkins University. The presentations ranged in topic from resources available to

individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and their caregivers, regulatory requirements for long term care facilities, and results from clinical trials related to mild cognitive impairment.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact me at 410-767-6722 or kristi.pier@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kristi Pier".

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