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**D.C RESIDENT DEAN BRENNER APPOINTED TO THE
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

[McLean, VA] November 13, 2020 – The Alzheimer's Association announces the election of Dean Brenner from Washington, D.C. to its Board of Directors.

Brenner joins the 29-member, all-volunteer governing board of in steering the strategic direction of the Association as it carries out its mission to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia – by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

Brenner is Senior Vice President, Spectrum Strategy & Technology Policy for Qualcomm Incorporated. He directs Qualcomm's global spectrum strategy and technology policy initiatives. He represents Qualcomm before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and other United States and Canadian agencies responsible for spectrum and technology policy, and he oversees Qualcomm's spectrum and technology policy work elsewhere around the world.

"I'm honored and excited to work with leaders around the country in the fight to end Alzheimer's, a disease which has such a devastating impact on so many people and so many families," said Brenner. "I'm proud to join the Alzheimer's Association national board of directors in raising awareness and support, increasing research funding, and advocating for millions of people."

Brenner, who lost his mother to Alzheimer's disease, became involved with the Alzheimer's Association as an advocate in 2018 and quickly made his voice heard as a champion for the Alzheimer's cause before both the D.C. City Council and on Capitol Hill during the Alzheimer's Impact Movement Advocacy Forum. He joined the board of directors of the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter in 2019 and currently chairs that board's Advocacy and Public Policy Committee.

Brenner was elected to a two-year term of service on the national board of directors.

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“We are pleased to welcome Dean to the Alzheimer’s Association Board of Directors,” said Brian Richardson, Chair of the Alzheimer’s Association Board of Directors. “His expertise and background will be invaluable to the board as we work together in pursuit of the Association’s vision of a world without Alzheimer’s and all other dementia.”

“Dean has a long history of support for the Association,” added Kate Rooper, president of the Alzheimer’s Association National Capital Area Chapter. “He has advocated before federal policymakers on Alzheimer’s-related issues numerous times, and he has testified six times before the District of Columbia City Council on local Alzheimer’s-related legislation. He also created and leads Qualcomm’s initiatives to support employees with a connection to Alzheimer’s.”

Brenner received his A.B. degree, magna cum laude with distinction in public policy studies, from Duke University in 1982 and his J.D., cum laude, from Georgetown University in 1985.

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s disease, according to the Alzheimer’s Association 2020 [Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures](#) report. Alzheimer’s is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States and the fifth leading cause for women. One in three seniors dies with Alzheimer’s or another dementia.

The Alzheimer’s Association advocates for the needs and rights of people facing Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia. The Association calls for an increased commitment to Alzheimer’s funding from the federal government for Alzheimer’s research, education, outreach and caregiver support. It helps to pass landmark legislation such as the National Alzheimer’s Project Act, which mandated the creation of the nation’s first plan to fight Alzheimer’s disease. It was also a driving force behind the passage of the Alzheimer’s Accountability Act, which allows expert scientists at the National Institutes of Health to directly communicate with Congress about the resources needed to achieve the National Plan’s goal of preventing and effectively treating Alzheimer’s disease by 2025.

About the Alzheimer’s Association

The Alzheimer’s Association leads the way to end Alzheimer’s and all other dementia – by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer’s and all other dementia®. For more information, visit alz.org or call the 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900.

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