

# Secure a Resolution in your State or City for FTD Awareness Week



September 28 - October 4, 2026

Securing an Awareness Resolution is a great way to raise awareness about FTD and AFTD. This toolkit serves to guide you through the process and provide the resources you may need to request that your state legislature or government official declare September 28 - October 4, 2026, as FTD Awareness Week in your city, town or state.

## WHAT IS A RESOLUTION?

A resolution or concurrent resolution is a non-legal declaration designating a period to commemorate an event or cause, or to honor an individual or group. An example of this is Congress declaring November National Family Caregivers Month. A resolution requires sponsorship and must be approved by the entire legislative body from which it is sought. A concurrent resolution requires sponsorship and passage in both the Senate and Assembly/House.

## WHY REQUEST A RESOLUTION IN YOUR CITY OR STATE?

Awareness week resolutions are a great tool to begin or build upon working relationships with your officials. By starting this conversation with your legislators, you are building awareness of the complexity and diverse presentations of FTD and increasing policymakers' understanding that FTD is not the same as other dementias.

Resolutions result in increased visibility of both FTD as well as the resources and support that AFTD has to offer for persons with dementia and their families. They also have the potential to capture press that will expand your reach. Advocacy can successfully shape public policies to increase research funding and develop and improve care, support, and respite services.

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## STEPS TO SECURE A RESOLUTION

- Step 1** At the start of your state's legislative session, identify your state and local legislators in both houses (Senate and Assembly). Use [theaftd.quorum.us](http://theaftd.quorum.us) to perform an easy search.
  
- Step 2** Find a sponsor(s). Research your legislators to see what kind of issues they tend to support and if they have an interest in dementia or health more generally. Identifying more than one sponsor, especially from both parties, will help with passing the Resolution.
  
- Step 3** Call, write or email the sponsor(s) you have identified and offer/attach the Model Resolution text.  
***Sample Resolution Text can be found in the Dropbox sent by the AFTD team.***
  
- Step 4** If no response is received, follow up via email or phone call. Be prepared to answer questions about AFTD and how the Resolution will be used. AFTD's advocacy team can work with you on a formal presentation as requested by the sponsor(s).
  
- Step 5** Work with the sponsor(s) to finalize the Resolution language and introduce the bill.
  
- Step 6** Once the Resolution has been introduced, reach out to AFTD's advocacy team for support in mobilizing advocates in your area to help get it passed.

Email [advocacy@theaftd.org](mailto:advocacy@theaftd.org) with any questions or for help along the way!

**\*\* You don't have to work alone!** We encourage you to find other people in your area who are passionate about obtaining a Resolution. Working with a group provides support and may expand the sponsor selections if members are from different constituencies. Reach out to [advocacy@theaftd.org](mailto:advocacy@theaftd.org) if you are looking for potential teammates.

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## SAMPLE OUTREACH EMAIL

The following email template is to provide you with language you can use when seeking a Resolution from your state officials for World FTD Awareness Week. Please feel free to copy/paste or edit as you like and be sure to personalize the letter and speak to your experience with FTD.

Dear [Legislator last name]:

I am a constituent who lives in [Town, State] and [I have / I have a loved one living with / I had a loved one living with] Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD). As an advocate with the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD), I am writing to ask for your help in sponsoring a Resolution in [City, State or Town] recognizing September 28 - October 4, 2026, as FTD Awareness Week.

FTD is an underdiagnosed neurodegenerative disease that affects more than 60,000 people in the United States. FTD affects ages as young as 21 and old as 80 with the largest percentage of affected being under 65. It can impact behavior, decision-making, personality, language, and/or movement. The average life expectancy is 7 to 13 years. There are currently no treatments to slow the progress of this disease.

[Add 2-3 sentences about you, your family member, and your experience with FTD]

You can learn more about FTD at [www.theaftd.org/what-is-ftd/disease-overview](http://www.theaftd.org/what-is-ftd/disease-overview) and AFTD at [www.theaftd.org](http://www.theaftd.org).

Establishing an FTD Awareness Week will help increase awareness and support for a disease that is largely misunderstood, misdiagnosed and underfunded. Many states have already adopted FTD Awareness Week Resolutions across the country. I urge you to sponsor a Resolution to declare September 28 - October 4, 2026, as FTD Awareness Week in [City, State or Town].

I appreciate your attention to this request and will follow up shortly with a phone call.

Sincerely,

AFTD Advocate Name

Street Address

City, State