

RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2019

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY AS "NATIONAL LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH" IN CADDO PARISH

WHEREAS, each year, the Lupus Foundation of America designates May as National Lupus Awareness Month to show support for the estimated 1.5 million Americans who have lupus; and

WHEREAS, lupus is an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that can affect different parts of the body; it is difficult to diagnose and challenging to treat; and

WHEREAS, lupus can affect any part of the body, including the skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain; the disease can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages, and organ failure; and

WHEREAS, lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of lupus. More than half of all people with lupus take four or more years and visit three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, while lupus most frequently affects women of childbearing age, men, children, and teenagers can also develop the disease. African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians, and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to develop lupus—a disparity that remains unexplained; and

WHEREAS, this month we stand with the families and friends affected by lupus, and we recognize the ongoing efforts of dedicated advocates, researchers, and health care providers who strive each day to raise the awareness about lupus in Caddo Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim May 2019 as:

'LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH'

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date