

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING MAY 2024 AS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH AND
MAY 10, 2024, AS LUPUS AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, more than five million people worldwide suffer from the devastating effects of lupus, and each year another 100,000 men, women and children will be diagnosed with this disease, and it is 2-3 times more prevalent among people of color, including African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes inflammation of various parts of the body particularly the skin, heart, joints and kidneys and while lupus is not infectious, rare or cancerous, it affects more people than cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, sickle cell anemia, and cystic fibrosis combined; and

WHEREAS, lupus research shows that close to two million Americans have been diagnosed with lupus, which affects one out of every 185 people and strikes adult women about nine out of ten times more than adult men; and

WHEREAS, although lupus ranges from mild to life threatening and thousands of Americans who have lupus die each year, most cases can be controlled with proper treatment and that early diagnosis and proper treatment are critical to the improvements of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus sufferers; and

WHEREAS, lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient, it affects the patient's family, friends, coworkers, employers and community; and

WHEREAS, existing public information and programs about Lupus in Lake County and Northern California remain inadequately disseminated and insufficient in addressing the needs of specific diverse populations and other underserved groups; and

WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of Northern California, serving California from Santa Cruz to the Oregon border, was founded as a nonprofit organization to help alleviate suffering for lupus patients through patient and family services, to help patients identify and seek treatment for undiagnosed cases, and to achieve the eradication of lupus by supporting lupus research; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness, education and funding for medical research are the keys to winning the battle against lupus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake do hereby designate May 2024 as Lupus Awareness Month and May 10, 2024, as Lupus Awareness Day and extends heartfelt wishes to Lake County residents and families living with lupus that they receive adequate medical treatment and support services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of May 2024.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: _____



Chair, Board of Supervisors