



Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Recognizing May 2017 as Lupus Awareness Month in the County of El Dorado

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado values improving the health of our community; and

WHEREAS, lupus directly affects 1.5 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of people are newly diagnosed with lupus, and lupus affects women nine times more often than men and is three times more common among women of color than white women; and

WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease in which an unknown trigger causes the immune system to attack the body's own tissues and vital organs, including the kidneys, brain, heart, lungs, blood, skin, and joints, and it is a leading cause of premature cardiovascular disease, kidney disease and stroke among young women; and

WHEREAS, lupus is difficult to diagnose because its symptoms come and go, mimic those of other diseases, and there is no single test that can definitively identify the illness; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and treatment usually lessens the progression and severity of the disease and is vital to preserving health and preventing further complications, organ damage, and death; and

WHEREAS, many healthcare professionals lack experience in recognizing the symptoms and health effects of lupus, resulting in some people with lupus suffering for many years before obtaining correct diagnoses and medical treatment, thus demonstrating the need for increased public and professional awareness of lupus; and

WHEREAS, to help fight lupus and improve the quality of life for the people living with the disease, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funded the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, in collaboration with the Lupus Foundation of America, to develop a National Public Health Agenda for Lupus. The agenda recommends the implementation of public awareness campaigns, clearly illustrating the complexities of lupus and the importance of early identification, diagnosis, and effective disease management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as "Lupus Awareness Month" and urges every resident to become familiar with the signs and symptoms of this disease, to seek early treatment, and to support education, research, and quality care for our citizens who live with, care for, or struggle with this disease.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of the Board, held the 9th day of May, 2017.

Attest:

James S. Mitrising

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors