

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS NATIONAL LUPUS MONTH

WHEREAS, over forty thousand North Carolinians are affected by Lupus;

WHEREAS, Lupus is an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that ravages different parts of the body;

WHEREAS, the disease is challenging to treat and can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages and organ failure;

WHEREAS, the diagnosis of Lupus is difficult as its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses and gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of the disease;

WHEREAS, Lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age but can impact anyone;

WHEREAS, African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to develop Lupus;

WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America designates May as National Lupus Awareness Month to show support for millions of Americans who have Lupus;

WHEREAS, Beautiful Butterflies is a local non-profit organization that provides education and support for Lupus patients, caregivers, family members and friends;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Greensboro are urged to educate themselves on the symptoms and impact of Lupus as well as support programs of research, education and community service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the City of Greensboro recognizes the month of May as 'National Lupus Month'.