

Proclamation
Lupus Awareness Month

WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that can cause inflammation and damage to any part of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of lupus can vary greatly, often mimicking other illnesses, leading to difficulties in diagnosis and delays in treatment; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis, proper medical treatment, and increased public awareness are critical to improving the quality of life for those living with lupus and to ultimately finding a cure; and

WHEREAS, ongoing research and advocacy efforts have led to a deeper understanding of lupus, yet continued public education and medical advancements are needed to support affected individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America and other advocacy organizations, healthcare providers, and communities across the country observe the month of May as **Lupus Awareness Month** to bring attention to the impact of the disease and the importance of education, research, and support; and


WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission recognizes the courage and resilience of those living with lupus and stands in solidarity with individuals, caregivers, and medical professionals who are affected by or working to treat and cure this disease.

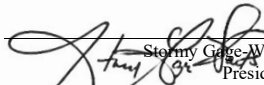
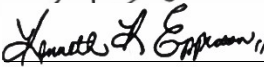
WHEREAS, lupus affects approximately 1.5 million Americans and millions more worldwide, with women—especially women of color—being disproportionately affected; and

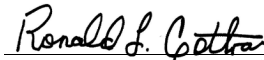
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim the month of **May as LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH** in Caddo Parish and encourages all citizens to learn more about lupus and support efforts aimed at research, early diagnosis, and effective treatment of this life-altering condition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the official minutes of the Caddo Parish Commission, and that a copy be provided to lupus awareness advocates and local organizations involved in lupus support and education.

ATTEST:


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