

Histiocytosis Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, histiocytic disorders, commonly referred to as histiocytosis, are considered orphan diseases, affecting less than 200,000 people per year in the United States, thus are less of a priority for government-funded research;

WHEREAS, these diseases cause “cancer-like” damage due to an overproduction and accumulation of a particular cell in the body;

WHEREAS, some patients can experience a single lesion that goes into remission while others may have several sites of involvement that can be chronic and debilitating;

WHEREAS, there is no known cure and the goal of treatment is to cause the disease to go into remission;

WHEREAS, patients with extensive damage to their body may not survive;

WHEREAS, although these diseases are not thought to be a cancer, the pain and suffering of patients can be just as severe as that caused by the more prevalent diseases that receive a high priority for federal research funding;

WHEREAS, patients with these diseases can suffer damage to their central nervous system, brain, skin, bones, liver, lungs and spleen;

WHEREAS, increased funding by the National Institutes of Health is crucial to facilitating research into these diseases;

WHEREAS, patients with these diseases may be treated with chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation;

WHEREAS, the Histiocytosis Association has designated the month of September as “Histiocytosis Awareness Month”;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, MAYOR/GOVERNOR of the City/State of _____, do hereby proclaim September as Histiocytosis Awareness Month in the year of _____.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the City of _____, on this day of twenty-fourteen, and to which I have caused the Seal of the City/State to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

(Governing body)

(Attest)

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