



# City of McKinney

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Multiple Myeloma (or Myeloma), the second most common blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow. It is called "multiple" because the cancer can occur at multiple sites.

**WHEREAS,** Multiple Myeloma currently affects more than 100,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 20,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 10,000 losing their battle each year; and

**WHEREAS,** Once a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers in people under 65; and

**WHEREAS,** Because Myeloma is a rare disease there can be a delayed diagnosis, leading to delayed treatment. For this reason an increased awareness of Myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer; and

**WHEREAS,** Continued investment and innovation is critical to achieve early diagnosis and implement the most effective and safest treatments for Myeloma patients; and

**WHEREAS,** Although we have seen important advances in the last decade there is still no cure for Myeloma; and

**WHEREAS,** The Mayor of the City of McKinney is committed to finding a cure for Myeloma and supports the treatment of its citizens that suffer from Myeloma and encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN LOUGHMILLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH AS**

**"MULTIPLE MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH"**

**IN THE CITY OF MCKINNEY.**

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.**

  
Brian Loughmiller, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sandy Hart, City Secretary

