



City of McKinney

Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, the Lupus Foundation of America designates May as National Lupus Awareness Month to show support for the estimated 1.5 million Americans who have lupus.

WHEREAS, lupus is an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that ravages different parts of the body. It is difficult to diagnose, hard to live with, and a challenge to treat

WHEREAS, lupus can affect any part of the body, including the skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain. No organ is spared. The disease can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages, and organ failure.

WHEREAS, lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of lupus. More than half of all people with lupus take four or more years and visit three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis.

WHEREAS, while lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age, no one is safe from lupus. African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to develop lupus - a disparity that remains unexplained.

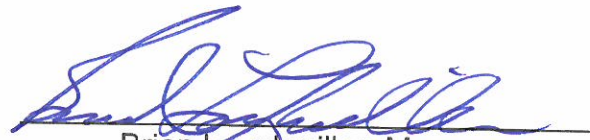
WHEREAS, 120,000 citizens diagnosed in Texas are affected by lupus.

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

"LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH"

IN THE CITY OF MCKINNEY.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 6TH DAY OF MAY, 2014.



Brian Loughmiller, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandy Hart, City Secretary