



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 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.




Brian Loughmiller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandy Hart, City Secretary