

House Resolution

No. 21

Introduced by Assembly Member Burke

April 30, 2015

House Resolution No. 21—Relative to Lupus Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, Systemic lupus erythematosus, commonly known
2 as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often life-threatening
3 autoimmune disease; and

4 WHEREAS, Researchers estimate that five million people have
5 been diagnosed with lupus or related diseases throughout the world,
6 and approximately 100,000 more are diagnosed every year; and

7 WHEREAS, Recent studies funded by the federal Centers for
8 Disease Control and Prevention indicate that lupus may be twice
9 as common as previously believed, afflicting 128.7 out of every
10 100,000 women; and

11 WHEREAS, Lupus strikes women primarily when they are 15
12 to 44 years of age, inclusive, and it affects all aspects of their lives;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Lupus disproportionately affects people of color;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient;
17 it affects the patient’s family, friends, coworkers, employers, and
18 community; and

19 WHEREAS, Lupus Foundation of Northern California in San
20 Jose, Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San Diego, and
21 Lupus LA in Los Angeles were founded as 501(c)(3) nonprofit
22 organizations to alleviate suffering for lupus patients through
23 patient and family services, achieve early detection of undiagnosed

1 cases through awareness promotion, and achieve the eradication
2 of lupus by supporting lupus research; and

3 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatments are critical
4 to the improvement of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus
5 sufferers; and

6 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness, education, and research
7 are key to winning the battle against lupus; now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
9 Assembly designates the month of May 2015 as Lupus Awareness
10 Month and extends heartfelt wishes to the Lupus Foundation of
11 Northern California in San Jose, the Lupus Foundation of Southern
12 California in San Diego, and Lupus LA in Los Angeles for success
13 in their core objectives in the future; and be it further

14 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
15 of this resolution to Lupus LA in Los Angeles, the Lupus
16 Foundation of Northern California in San Jose, the Lupus
17 Foundation of Southern California in San Diego, and to the author
18 for appropriate distribution.