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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 21

Introduced by Assembly Member Burke

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April 30, 2015

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

1 WHEREAS, Systematic 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

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

4 WHEREAS, Lupus disproportionately affects people of color;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient;
7 it affects the patient's family, friends, coworkers, employers, and
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, Lupus Foundation of Northern California in San
10 Jose, Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San Diego, and
11 Lupus LA in Los Angeles were founded as 501(c)(3) nonprofit
12 organizations to alleviate suffering for lupus patients through
13 patient and family services, achieve early detection of undiagnosed
14 cases through awareness promotion, and achieve the eradication
15 of lupus by supporting lupus research; and

16 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatments are critical
17 to the improvement of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus
18 sufferers; and

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

21 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
22 Assembly designates the month of May 2015 as Lupus Awareness
23 Month and extends heartfelt wishes to the Lupus Foundation of
24 Northern California in San Jose, the Lupus Foundation of Southern
25 California in San Diego, and Lupus LA in Los Angeles for success
26 in their core objectives in the future; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
28 of this resolution to Lupus LA in Los Angeles, the Lupus
29 Foundation of Northern California in San Jose, the Lupus
30 Foundation of Southern California in San Diego, and to the author
31 for appropriate distribution.