

Introduced by Senator Moorlach

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Senate Resolution No. 65—Relative to Lupus Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, More than five million people worldwide suffer
2 from the devastating effects of systematic lupus erythematosus,
3 commonly known as lupus, and each year another 100,000 young
4 women, men, and children will be diagnosed with this disease;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes
7 inflammation of various parts of the body, particularly the skin,
8 joints, heart, and kidneys; and

9 WHEREAS, Lupus research shows that close to two million
10 Americans have been diagnosed with lupus, affecting one out of
11 every 185 people and striking adult women about 9 out of 10 times
12 more than adult men; and

13 WHEREAS, While lupus is not infectious, rare, or cancerous,
14 it affects more people than cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, sickle
15 cell anemia, and cystic fibrosis combined; and

16 WHEREAS, Although lupus ranges from mild to life-threatening
17 and thousands of Americans who have lupus die each year, the
18 majority of cases can be controlled with proper treatment; and

19 WHEREAS, There is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate
20 and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

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

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

3 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatment 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 Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
9 designates the month of May 2016 as Lupus Awareness Month
10 and extends heartfelt wishes to the Lupus Foundation of Southern
11 California in San Diego, the Lupus Foundation of Northern
12 California in San Jose, and Lupus LA in Los Angeles for success
13 in their core objectives in the future; and be it further

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