

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE
MONTH OF MAY 2018 AS “LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH” AND MAY 10, 2018 AS
“LUPUS AWARENESS DAY” IN THE CITY OF POMONA**

WHEREAS, Lupus affects approximately 1.5 million Americans where ninety percent of people diagnosed with the disease are women; 90% develop it between the ages of 15-44 and it is 2-3 times more prevalent among people of color, including African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Native-Americans; and

WHEREAS, Understanding Lupus will help us better understand infections in general, allergies, cancer and even AIDS. Medical students are often told, if you know lupus then you KNOW medicine and lupus is the paradigm of autoimmunity. This is because Lupus can affect EVERY part of the body; and

WHEREAS, Lupus is an autoimmune disease that can affect any part of the body, including internal organs, the skin, and joints. It also has many different symptoms and, because of that, affects each person differently. Because of its unpredictable nature, people with lupus often have many questions about the disease; and

WHEREAS, Existing public information and programs about Lupus in California remain inadequately disseminated and insufficient in addressing the needs of specific diverse populations and other underserved groups; and

WHEREAS, There needs to be more recognition to create and foster a statewide program, that emphasizes a multiethnic approach, promotes public awareness, and increases knowledge about the causes of lupus, the importance of early diagnosis and appropriate management, effective prevention strategies, and pain prevention and management; and be it further Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes the need to work in 2018 to adequately fund these programs, so as to allow for the development and dissemination to patients, health professionals, and the public, of educational materials, information on research results, available services, and strategies for prevention and control, and for the adaptation of this material to the appropriate languages and reading levels of medically underserved, ethnically diverse communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA hereby proclaims the Month of May 2018 as:

**“NATIONAL LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH”
AND
“MAY 18, 2018 AS LUPUS AWARENESS DAY”**

Dated this 7th day of May 2018.