

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To recognize April 2019 as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that can affect almost any organ in the body and causes heightened immunity, which means that a person's immune system, which normally protects the body from infection and disease, overreacts, resulting in damage to the body's own tissues; and

WHEREAS, the classic feature of sarcoidosis is the formation of granulomas, microscopic clumps of inflammatory cells; and

WHEREAS, sarcoidosis can affect people of any age, race, or gender, but it is most prevalent among adults between the ages of twenty and forty and in African Americans and people of European, particularly Scandinavian, descent; and

WHEREAS, the mission of The Sarcoidosis Awareness Foundation of Louisiana is to educate and raise awareness about the disease, to raise funds for research to find the cause and a cure for the disease, and to develop new medications to aid those suffering from sarcoidosis; and

WHEREAS, the foundation provides support to families, friends, and caregivers through awareness, education, emotional support, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the foundation also provides mutual sharing of experiences, discussion of feelings, and sharing of coping strategies and encouragement that will improve the quality of life for those affected by sarcoidosis; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, the citizens of Louisiana are encouraged to learn about the causes and effects of sarcoidosis.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 2019 as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Rodney K. Reese, founder and chief executive officer of The Sarcoidosis Awareness Foundation of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES