

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Recognizes May 2021 as Lupus Awareness Month in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize May 2021 as Lupus Awareness Month in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that can damage any part of the  
4 body, often the skin, joints, and organs, yet few Americans are even aware of the existence  
5 of the condition and its possible symptoms; and

6 WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America estimates that one and a half million  
7 Americans, and at least five million people worldwide, have a form of lupus; and

8 WHEREAS, this disease affects people of all nationalities, races, genders, and ages,  
9 which makes informing people of lupus and its affects more important because everyone is  
10 at risk; and

11 WHEREAS, lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are  
12 similar to those of many other illnesses, and the medical profession's current knowledge of  
13 the causes and effects of the disease are incomplete; and

14 WHEREAS, on average, it takes nearly six years for people with lupus to be  
15 diagnosed from the time they first notice their lupus symptoms, and many people have been  
16 seen by four or more different health care providers for their lupus symptoms before being  
17 accurately diagnosed; and

18 WHEREAS, no two cases of lupus are exactly alike because signs and symptoms

