

**RESOLUTION 2017 -**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAIMING MAY 10, 2017 AS WORLD LUPUS DAY IN  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**WHEREAS,** each year, May 10 is designated as World Lupus Day to show support and raise awareness for the estimated 5 million people worldwide who have lupus; and

**WHEREAS,** 100,000 in the State of Florida are affected by lupus; and

**WHEREAS,** lupus is a cruel and mysterious chronic and lifelong autoimmune disease in which the immune system is unbalanced, causing inflammation and tissue damage to virtually every organ system in the body; and

**WHEREAS,** lupus can affect any part of the body including the skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain. No organ is spared. The disease can cause seizures, strokes, hear attacks, miscarriages, and organ failure; and

**WHEREAS,** while lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age, no one is safe from lupus. African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians, and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to develop lupus - a disparity that remains unexplained; and

**WHEREAS,** lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many

other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of lupus. More than half of the people with lupus take four or more years and visit three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been only one new drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration specifically for lupus in 56 years, and current treatments for the disease can have damaging side effects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2017 that:

1. The Board hereby proclaims May 10, 2017 as World Lupus Day in Nassau County, Florida.
2. The Board hereby urges all citizens in Nassau County to observe this day by educating themselves on the symptoms and impact of lupus, and to join with the Florida Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America in supporting programs of research, education, and community service.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

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DANIEL B. LEEPER  
Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S  
SIGNATURE:

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JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney

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MICHAEL S. MULLIN