



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.1.

4/22/2025

Subject:

Resolution acknowledging Myositis Awareness Month in Brevard County. - District 4

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Dept/Office:

District 4 Commissioner

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board approve a resolution recognizing May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month in Brevard County.

Summary Explanation and Background:

Recognize the importance of awareness of Myositis.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please provide one framed resolution.



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April 23, 2025

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Rob Feltner, District 4

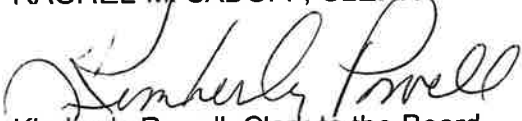
RE: Item E.1., Resolution Acknowledging Myositis Awareness Month in Brevard County

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 22, 2025 adopted Resolution No. 25-029, recognizing May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month in Brevard County. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK



Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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Encl. (1)

Brevard



County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

WHEREAS, residents of Brevard County are among those affected by myositis and other rare diseases, because nearly one in ten Americans have rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (collectively referred to as myositis) are rare, chronic, autoimmune muscle wasting diseases; myositis often features debilitating muscle inflammation and other systems, such as pain, fatigue, and trouble swallowing; myositis can result in myositis-associated interstitial lung disease; and

WHEREAS, more research is needed to identify the causes of and modes of treatments for the myositis group of diseases, which includes anti-MDA5 antibody positive myositis; antisynthetase syndrome; dermatomyositis; juvenile dermatomyositis; immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy; inclusion body myositis; and polymyositis; and

WHEREAS, myositis is difficult to diagnose, so treatment is often delayed, and individuals generally experience difficulty finding a health care provider with expertise in their condition; and

WHEREAS, all who suffer with myositis experience reduced quality of life, especially as no cure has been found and life expectancy is shortened, especially for those with inclusion body myositis; woman and people of color with all forms of myositis experience particularly pronounced health disparities; and

WHEREAS, The Myositis Association (TMA) is the leading international patient advocacy organization serving the myositis community, focusing on patient services, education, research, and public awareness, so as to achieve a world without myositis; and

WHEREAS, The Myositis Association is organizing a nationwide observance of **Myositis Awareness Month** from May 1-31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby recognize May 2025 as

MYOSITIS AWARENESS MONTH IN BREVARD COUNTY

and that all citizens of Brevard County are encouraged to come together, learn more about all the forms of myositis and its symptoms, and support the families in our community who will benefit from greater awareness of these rare diseases.

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 22nd day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

ROB FELTNER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



Resolution

Whereas, residents of Brevard County are among those affected by myositis and other rare diseases, because nearly one in ten Americans have rare diseases; and,

Whereas, idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (collectively referred to as myositis) are rare, chronic, autoimmune muscle wasting diseases; and, myositis often features debilitating muscle inflammation and other symptoms, such as pain, fatigue, and trouble swallowing; and, myositis can result in myositis-associated interstitial lung disease; and,

Whereas, more research is needed to identify the causes of and modes of treatments for the myositis group of diseases, which includes anti-MDA5 autoantibody positive myositis; antisynthetase syndrome; dermatomyositis; juvenile dermatomyositis; immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy; inclusion body myositis; and polymyositis; and,

Whereas, myositis is difficult to diagnose, so treatment is often delayed, and individuals generally experience difficulty finding a health care provider with expertise in their condition; and,

Whereas, all who suffer with myositis experience reduced quality of life, especially as no cure has been found and life expectancy is shortened, especially for those with inclusion body myositis; and, women and people of color with all forms of myositis experience particularly pronounced health disparities; and,

Whereas, The Myositis Association (TMA) is the leading international patient advocacy organization serving the myositis community, focusing on patient services, education, research, and public awareness, so as to achieve a world without myositis; and, Whereas, The Myositis Association is organizing a nationwide observance of Myositis Awareness Month from May 1-31, 2025;

Now therefore it be resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, does hereby recognize May 2025 as

Myositis Awareness Month in Brevard County

and that all citizens of Brevard County are encouraged to come together, learn more about all the forms of myositis and its symptoms, and support the families in our community who will benefit from greater awareness of these rare diseases.

DONE AND ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 22nd day of April A.D., 2025.

ATTEST:

Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk

Rob Feltner, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Board Meeting Date

4-22-25

Item Number: _____

E.1. Myositis Awareness

Motion By: _____

RF

Second By: _____

KD

Nay By: _____

Commissioner	DISTRICT	AYE	NAY
Commissioner Delaney	1	✓	
Vice Chair Goodson	2	✓	
Commissioner Adkinson	3	✓	
Commissioner Altman	5	✓	
Chairman Feltner	4	✓	