

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH



## MAY IS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, More than five million people worldwide suffer from the devastating effects of lupus, and each year, another 100,000 men, women and children will be diagnosed with this disease; and

WHEREAS, Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes inflammation of various parts of the body, particularly the skin, heart, joints and kidneys; and

WHEREAS, More than 1.5 million Americans have been diagnosed with lupus, which strikes women about nine time more frequently than men, and is more prevalent among African American women, followed by other women of color, including Hispanics, Asians and Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, Lupus is not infections, rare or cancerous, but it affects more people than cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, sickle cell anemia and cystic fibrisos; and

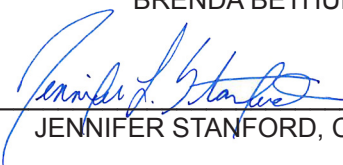
WHEREAS, Lupus ranges from mild to life-threatening, with thousands of deaths per year, although the majority of cases can be managed through proper treatment, especially with public education and early diagnosis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Myrtle Beach City Council hereby designates May 2019, as Lupus Awareness Month and encourages residents to learn more about this disease and its symptoms, which affect so many Americans.

*Signed and sealed this 28th day of May 2019.*



  
BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

  
JENNIFER STANFORD, CITY CLERK