

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF NEW KENT
VIRGINIA**

R-20-17

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent in the Boardroom of the Administration Building in New Kent, Virginia, on the 8th day of May, 2017.

Present:	Vote:
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye

Motion was made by Mr. Stiers, which carried 5:0 to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2017
AS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH IN NEW KENT COUNTY**

WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system inexplicably and randomly attacks the body's own tissue and vital organs, including the kidneys, brain, heart, lungs, blood, skin and joints. It is a leading cause in premature cardiovascular disease, kidney disease and stroke among young women; and

WHEREAS, lupus directly affects 1.5 million in the United States. Each year, thousands of people are newly diagnosed with lupus, the majority of who are young people in the prime of their lives. Lupus affects women and men but 90 percent of people diagnosed with this disease are women. Lupus disproportionately affects women of color; it is more prevalent in African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asians than Caucasians; and

WHEREAS, lupus is one of the most difficult diseases to diagnose because its symptoms come and go, mimic those of other disease and there is no single test that can definitively identify the illness. Yet early diagnosis and treatment usually lessens the progression and severity of the disease and are vital to preserving health and preventing further complications, organ damage and death; and

WHEREAS, many healthcare professionals are unaware of the symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before obtaining the correct diagnosis and medical treatment, demonstrating the need for increased public and professional awareness of lupus. Increasing public awareness and focusing public attention on lupus and its devastating impact on patients' lives will provide hope for a better future for those affected; and

WHEREAS, lupus community organizations work to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of lupus and to promote education, research, social support and quality medical care for our citizens who live with, or care for, someone who struggles with this disease; and

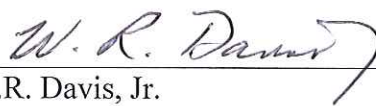
WHEREAS, this month, let us recommit ourselves to supporting the research that will lead to better, targeted treatments and a cure for this devastating illness that affects so many women and men in the prime of their lives; and

NOW THEREFORE, The Board of Supervisors of New Kent County does hereby recognize May as "Lupus Awareness Month" in the County of New Kent and encourages all of our citizens to recognize the symptoms and understand this disease that affects so many of our families and friends.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2017



Rodney A. Hathaway
County Administrator



W.R. Davis, Jr.
Chairman