



Proclamation #14-91

LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2014

WHEREAS, lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body, and in some case, death; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that at least 1.5 million young women, men and children in America, and close to 40,000 people in South Carolina suffer from lupus, the majority of whom, approximately 90-percent, are women of child bearing age; and

WHEREAS, more than 16,000 new cases of this disease are reported across the country each year; and

WHEREAS, the most common symptoms of lupus, which include extreme fatigue, headaches, painful or swollen joints, anemia, and hair loss, can mimic numerous other diseases, and a lack of awareness of the symptoms and health effects of lupus lead many people to suffer several years before obtaining a correct diagnosis and medical treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas F. Samples, Mayor of the Town of Surfside Beach, do hereby proclaim May 2013 in the Town of Surfside Beach

LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

BE IT SO PROCLAIMED this 6th day of May 2014.

The Hon. Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Attest:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk