

A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that can damage any part of the body (skin, joints, and/or organs inside the body) by the autoimmune system producing antibodies to cells within the body leading to widespread inflammation and tissue damage in belief that something is wrong; and

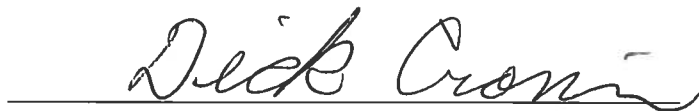
WHEREAS, approximately 1.5 million people in the United States are living with Lupus, 90 percent of people diagnosed with the disease are women in childbearing years, and as many as 1 in 250 people may develop Lupus; and

WHEREAS, The City of Isle of Palms calls attention to the need for people locally, across South Carolina and around the world to unite in support of individuals, families, friends, and communities affected by this disease financially, physically, socially, and emotionally and to renew our commitment to finding a cure and improving the well-being and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The City of Isle of Palms proudly supports Crowning Lupus LLC, by participating in and promoting the observance of the 2014 theme, "Give Lupus the Royal Treatment" ; and

WHEREAS, Lupus Awareness Day encourages all citizens to learn more about Lupus and the four different types – Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE); Discoid Lupus (skin only); Drug-Induced Lupus (temporary); and Neonatal Lupus (occurs at birth, infant eventually grows out of it) – and to work together to raise awareness of this silent epidemic and treatment of Lupus among the residents of our city, state, and around the world.

So, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED on this day, April 29, 2014, that the Mayor and City Council of the Isle of Palms, on behalf of the City, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2014 as Lupus Awareness Month in the City of Isle of Palms and urge our fellow citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dick Cronin", is written over a horizontal line.

Dick Cronin, Mayor