

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes April 2019 as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month  
in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize April 2019 as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that can affect almost any organ  
4 in the body and causes heightened immunity, which means that a person's immune system,  
5 which normally protects the body from infection and disease, overreacts, resulting in damage  
6 to the body's own tissues; and

7 WHEREAS, the classic feature of sarcoidosis is the formation of granulomas,  
8 microscopic clumps of inflammatory cells; and

9 WHEREAS, sarcoidosis can affect people of any age, race, or gender, but it is most  
10 prevalent among adults between the ages of twenty and forty and in African Americans and  
11 people of European, particularly Scandinavian, descent; and

12 WHEREAS, the mission of The Sarcoidosis Awareness Foundation of Louisiana is  
13 to educate and raise awareness about the disease, to raise funds for research to find the cause  
14 and a cure for the disease, and to develop new medications to aid those suffering from  
15 sarcoidosis; and

16 WHEREAS, the foundation provides support to families, friends, and caregivers  
17 through awareness, education, emotional support, and understanding; and

18 WHEREAS, the foundation also provides mutual sharing of experiences, discussion  
19 of feelings, and sharing of coping strategies and encouragement that will improve the quality  
20 of life for those affected by sarcoidosis; and

1           WHEREAS, during the month of April, the citizens of Louisiana are encouraged to  
2 learn about the causes and effects of sarcoidosis.

3           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize April 2019 as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month  
5 in Louisiana.

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
7 to Rodney K. Reese, founder and chief executive officer of The Sarcoidosis Awareness  
8 Foundation of Louisiana.

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DIGEST

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