

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 79

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, idiopathic inflammatory myopathies, which are collectively referred to
4 as myositis, are rare and chronic autoimmune muscle wasting diseases that often feature
5 debilitating muscle inflammation and other symptoms, including pain, fatigue, and trouble
6 swallowing; they can lead to myositis-associated interstitial lung diseases; and

7 WHEREAS, nearly 10% of Americans suffer from rare diseases like myositis, and
8 more research is needed to identify the causes of and modes of treatment for the myositis
9 group diseases, which includes anti-MDA5 autoantibody positive myositis, antisynthetase
10 syndrome, dermatomyositis, juvenile dermatomyositis, immune-mediated necrotizing
11 myopathy, inclusion myositis, and polymyositis; and

12 WHEREAS, myositis is difficult to diagnose, which often leads to delayed treatment,
13 and patients generally experience difficulty in finding a healthcare provider who specializes
14 in the myositis group diseases; and

15 WHEREAS, there are no known cures for myositis, and individuals diagnosed with
16 these diseases experience a reduced quality of life and shortened life expectancy, particularly
17 those suffering from inclusion body myositis; among those diagnosed with myositis, women
18 and people of color experience especially pronounced health disparities; and

19 WHEREAS, The Myositis Association is the leading international patient advocacy
20 organization serving the myositis community; the organization focuses on patient services,
21 education, research, and raising public awareness to achieve a world without myositis, and

1 the association is organizing a national observance of Myositis Awareness Month throughout
2 May 2025.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month in
5 Louisiana and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to join together and learn more about
6 the forms of myositis and its symptoms to better support the families who have faced this
7 struggle alone for far too long.

DIGEST

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