

## RESOLUTION

### Board of Hennepin County Commissioners

#### RESOLUTION: 25-0205

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At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Edelson, and seconded by Commissioner Lunde, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, residents of Hennepin County are among those affected by myositis and other rare diseases, because nearly one in ten Americans have rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (collectively referred to as myositis) are rare, chronic, autoimmune muscle wasting diseases; and, myositis often features debilitating muscle inflammation and other symptoms, such as pain, fatigue, and trouble swallowing; and, myositis can result in myositis-associated interstitial lung disease; and

WHEREAS, more research is needed to identify the causes of and modes of treatments for the myositis group of diseases, which includes anti-MDA5 autoantibody positive myositis; antisynthetase syndrome; dermatomyositis; juvenile dermatomyositis; immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy; inclusion body myositis; and polymyositis; and

WHEREAS, myositis is difficult to diagnose, so treatment is often delayed, and individuals generally experience difficulty finding a health care provider with expertise in their condition; and

WHEREAS, all who suffer with myositis experience reduced quality of life, especially as no cure has been found and life expectancy is shortened, especially for those with inclusion body myositis; and, women and people of color with all forms of myositis experience particularly pronounced health disparities; and

WHEREAS, The Myositis Association (TMA) is the leading international patient advocacy organization serving the myositis community, focusing on patient services, education, research, and public awareness, so as to achieve a world without myositis; and

WHEREAS, The Myositis Association is organizing a nationwide observance of Myositis Awareness Month from May 1-31, 2025.

#### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners proclaims that May 2025 will be observed as Myositis Awareness Month in Hennepin County, and that all residents of Hennepin County are encouraged to come together, learn more about all the forms of myositis and its symptoms, and support the families in our community who will benefit from greater awareness of these rare diseases.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 5/6/2025

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

**Aye:** 7 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Maria Rose**



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