



GAINESVILLE

PROCLAMATION



- WHEREAS,** residents of the City of Gainesville and Hall County, Georgia are among those affected by myositis and other rare diseases because nearly one in ten Americans have rare diseases;
- 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; anti-synthetase 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 healthcare providers with expertise in their condition; and
- WHEREAS,** all who suffer from 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hall County Board of Commissioners and the Gainesville City Council do hereby proclaim, May, 2025 to be observed as

“Myositis Awareness Month”

and encourage all residents to come together and learn more about the forms of myositis and its symptoms, and support the families in our community.

Presented this 1st day of May, 2025

Hall County Board of Commissioners

Gainesville City Council

David Gibbs, Chairman



W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

