



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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GLOBAL PULMONARY FIBROSIS MONTH

WHEREAS, Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, or simply pulmonary fibrosis, is a serious disorder that creates scarring in the delicate lung tissue of affected patients causing progressive, incurable lung disease; and,

WHEREAS, Pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often causing limited quality of life, disability, and death within a few short years; and,

WHEREAS, In many cases, there is no identified cause of pulmonary fibrosis and approximately 200,000 people in the United States are estimated to be affected by the disease; and,

WHEREAS, Pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and under-diagnosed, and a need has been identified to increase wide-ranging awareness and detection of this imperceptible disorder; and,

WHEREAS, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation will unify patients, caregivers, medical professionals, and the general public, by sharing and providing the latest information and advancements alongside all of the work still to be done within the global pulmonary fibrosis community; and,

WHEREAS, established in 2000, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation is a nonprofit organization that maintains a global mission to serve as the trusted resource for the pulmonary fibrosis community by raising awareness, providing disease education, and funding research; the Foundation works diligently to foster conversations and collaboration between everyone affected by pulmonary fibrosis, including those living with the disease, the medical and research community, and the pharmaceutical industry; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Senate adopted an identical resolution on July 15, 2015; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Honorable Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, joins the Senate of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Illinois and proclaim September of 2015 as Global Pulmonary Fibrosis Month in the County of Cook to increase awareness of this disease and encourage research into new treatments; and be it further; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.