

PROCLAMATION



Whereas, sarcoidosis is a debilitating and deadly multi-organ, inflammatory disease, estimated to be affecting 200,000 people in the United States;

Whereas, the signs and symptoms of sarcoidosis vary widely depending on the person and organs affected and can include debilitating fatigue; shortness of breath; difficulties with balance and coordination; irregular heartbeat; visual problems, including blindness; pain affecting joints and muscles; weakness or numbness of limbs; skin rash and discoloration; mood disorders such as depression and anxiety; organ failure; and sleep difficulties;

Whereas, Sarcoidosis can affect people of any age, race, or gender, but is most common among adults between the ages of 20 and 40 and 3.8-fold higher in African Americans than in whites;

Whereas, research suggests the cause of sarcoidosis is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown;

Whereas, sarcoidosis is a diagnosis of exclusion as there is no objective test, biomarker, known case, or cure;

Whereas, volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life and prognosis of persons living with sarcoidosis and their families;

Therefore, I, Vic Holmes, Mayor of the City of Rathdrum, do hereby proclaim April as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month.

Mayor, Rathdrum, Idaho April 2019

