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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

BY SENATOR BARROW

SENATE. Recognizes April as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Louisiana and designates April 19, 2017, as Sarcoidosis Awareness Day at the state capitol.

A RESOLUTION
To recognize the month of April as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Louisiana and to
designate April 19, 2017, as Sarcoidosis Awareness Day at the state capitol.
WHEREAS, sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that can affect almost any organ
in the body and causes heightened immunity, which means that a person's immune system,
which normally protects the body from infection and disease, overreacts, resulting in damage
to the body's own tissues; and
WHEREAS, the classic feature of sarcoidosis is the formation of granulomas,
microscopic clumps of inflammatory cells that group together; and
WHEREAS, sarcoidosis can affect people of any age, race, and gender but it is most
prevalent among adults between the ages of twenty and forty, in African Americans, and
people of European, particularly, Scandinavian descent; and
WHEREAS, the mission of The Sarcoidosis Awareness Foundation of Louisiana is
to educate, raise awareness, and raise funds to promote research to find the cause, cure, and
new medications to aid those suffering from sarcoidosis; and
WHEREAS, the foundation provides support to families, friends, and caregivers
through awareness, education, emotional support, and understanding; and
WHEREAS, the foundation also provides mutual sharing of experiences, discussion

- of feelings, and sharing of coping strategies and encouragement, and supports research to
 find the cure and prevention that will improve the quality of life for those affected by
 sarcoidosis; and
- WHEREAS, during the entire month of April the citizens of Louisiana are
 encouraged to learn about the causes and effects of sarcoidosis.
- 6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
- 7 does hereby recognize the month of April as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in Louisiana and
- 8 does hereby designate April 19, 2017, as Sarcoidosis Awareness Day at the state capitol.
- 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
- 10 Rodney K. Reese, Founder and CEO of The Sarcoidosis Awareness Foundation of
- 11 Louisiana, Inc.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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