

PROCLAMATION

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2013

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Leesburg residents is important to the happiness, prosperity and well-being of our Town's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Lyme disease is the most commonly reported vector-borne illness in the United States; and

WHEREAS, numerous cases go unreported or undetected each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors passed a 10- Point Action Plan to Mitigate Lyme Disease in Loudoun County, including the creation of a Lyme Disease Commission; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is almost always caused by the bite of an infected black legged tick and is caused by a type of bacteria that gives early symptoms, such as a bulls-eye rash, fever, aching muscles, headache, and fatigue; and

WHEREAS, checking for ticks and proper tick removal are imperative, and if done correctly and promptly, can aid in the prevention of the disease; and

WHEREAS, each May an educational campaign is launched to heighten awareness about Lyme disease, including providing residents with information about personal protection, tick control methods, and tick identification services to protect people from the disease;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Leesburg Town Council hereby proclaims May 2013 as LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH in the Town of Leesburg.

PROCLAIMED this 9th day of April, 2013.

Kristen C. Umstatt, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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National Library Week 2013 April 14-20

WHEREAS, libraries are the heart of their communities; and

WHEREAS, librarians work to meet changing needs of their communities by providing resources for everyone; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians collect, preserve and house the local histories of their communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians bring together community members to enrich and shape the community and address local issues; and

WHEREAS, librarians are professionals providing technology training and access to digital resources; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer programs to meet community needs, providing residents with access to resources enriching and supporting all aspects of their lives; and

WHEREAS, libraries continuously grow and evolve in how they provide for the needs of every member of their communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby that April 14-20, 2013 is National Library Week in Leesburg. We encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful resources available at the Library.

PROCLAIMED this 9th day of April, 2013.

Kristen C. Umstattd, Mayor
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Autism Awareness Month April 2013

WHEREAS, autism is not a single disorder that affects everyone the same way, but a spectrum of disorders; and

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders are a complex developmental disability that affects one out of every 88 children; and

WHEREAS, no single cause of autism has been identified; and

WHEREAS, autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder at a rate of 1,148%; and

WHEREAS, the cost to communities to educate a child with autism is estimated to be at least three times that of educating a child without autism; and

WHEREAS, the cost of lifelong care and education can be reduced by as much as two-thirds with early diagnosis and intervention; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month is a special opportunity for everyone to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that April 2013 is Autism Awareness Month in Leesburg and the Council further urges all residents to support the efforts of organizations such as the Arc of Loudoun to educate the public about autism and promote research to find ways to reduce or eliminate the effect autism has on families and the community.

PROCLAIMED this 9th day of April, 2013.

Kristen C. Umstatt, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

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