



BY THE SOLE COMMISSIONER OF WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
A PROCLAMATION
MULTIPLE MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Multiple Myeloma, the second most common blood cancer in the world, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow and can occur in multiple areas inside the body; and

WHEREAS: Multiple Myeloma currently affects more than 100,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 30,330 new cases diagnosed and 12,650 deaths from the disease in 2016, according to the National Cancer Institute; and

WHEREAS: Multiple Myeloma is increasingly being identified in 30, 40 and 50 year olds, as the disease is more frequently diagnosed. It is also nearly twice as likely to occur among African Americans; and

WHEREAS: The cause of Multiple Myeloma is not known, continued investment and innovation are necessary to determine safe and effective treatment options, including new drugs and therapies now in the research phase; and

WHEREAS: Greater awareness of this disease among clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis, improving outcomes and bringing comfort to patients and their families.

THEREFORE: I, Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner of Walker County, Georgia, do hereby designate March as Multiple Myeloma Action Month in Walker County and encourage all residents to participate in activities to support Myeloma education and the funding of research programs to find a cure.

Signed and sealed this 28th day of February in the year 2019.



Shannon K. Whitfield, Sole Commissioner
Walker County, Georgia

ATTEST:

Rebecca Wooden
Walker County Clerk