



## PROCLAMATION

### *May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Kansas City, Missouri*

**WHEREAS**, Lyme Disease is transmitted by the common black-legged tick, which can be found in nearly one-half of all U.S. counties and is the fastest-growing vector-borne disease in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Lyme disease infects more than 500,000 people annually in the United States, yet testing for Lyme disease remains only 50% accurate, with the average patient going two or more years before getting a proper diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, when not accurately diagnosed and treated, Lyme disease can affect the brain, heart, joints, nerves and mimic many other afflictions, causing years of pain, suffering, or severe disability; and

**WHEREAS**, the best protection against Lyme Disease is prevention, education, and early treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City has provided 29 years of volunteer advocacy for patients who have Lyme Disease, directly impacting many citizens of our community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Mayor of the City of Kansas City, I, Quinton D. Lucas, on behalf of the residents of this great city, do hereby proclaim the month of May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Kansas City.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Q. Lucas", written over a horizontal line.

Quinton D. Lucas

Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri

