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.

Quinton D. Lucas
Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri