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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Gore

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing May 2026 as
2 Myositis Awareness Month.

3 *Whereas, Hoosiers are among those affected by myositis and*
4 *other rare diseases, as nearly one in 10 Americans have rare*
5 *diseases;*

6 *Whereas, Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (collectively*
7 *referred to as myositis) are rare, chronic, autoimmune*
8 *muscle-wasting diseases, and myositis often features*
9 *debilitating muscle inflammation and other symptoms, such as*
10 *pain, fatigue, and trouble swallowing. Myositis can also result*
11 *in myositis-associated interstitial lung disease;*

12 *Whereas, More research is needed to identify the causes of*
13 *and modes of treatments for the myositis group of diseases,*
14 *which includes anti-MDA5 autoantibody positive myositis,*

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1 *antisynthetase syndrome, dermatomyositis, juvenile*
2 *dermatomyositis, immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy,*
3 *inclusion body myositis, and polymyositis;*

4 *Whereas, Myositis is difficult to diagnose, so treatment is*
5 *often delayed, and individuals generally experience difficulty*
6 *finding a health care provider with expertise in their condition;*

7 *Whereas, All who suffer from myositis experience reduced*
8 *quality of life, as no cure currently exists, and life expectancy*
9 *is shortened, especially for those with inclusion body myositis.*
10 *Additionally, women and people of color with all forms of*
11 *myositis experience particularly pronounced health disparities;*

12 *Whereas, The Myositis Association is the leading*
13 *international patient advocacy organization serving the*
14 *myositis community, focusing on patient services, education,*
15 *research, and public awareness to achieve a world without*
16 *myositis; and*

17 *Whereas, The Myositis Association is organizing a*
18 *nationwide observance of Myositis Awareness Month from May*
19 *1 to May 31, 2026: Therefore,*

20 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
21 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

22 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
23 recognizes May 2026 as Myositis Awareness Month.

24 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives
25 encourages all Hoosiers to learn more about the forms of
26 myositis and its symptoms and to support the families in the
27 state who will benefit from greater awareness of these rare
28 diseases.

29 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
30 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
31 Representative Mitch Gore for distribution.

