

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

****ADD-ON****

Meeting Date: Wed., April 18, 2007

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes No

Department: Mayor Di Gennaro, District 4

Staff Contact Person: Tamara Lundstrom
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AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Proclamation in recognition of World Lupus Day, designated as May 10, 2007.

ITEM BACKGROUND: Lupus is an autoimmune disease affecting more than five million people worldwide.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

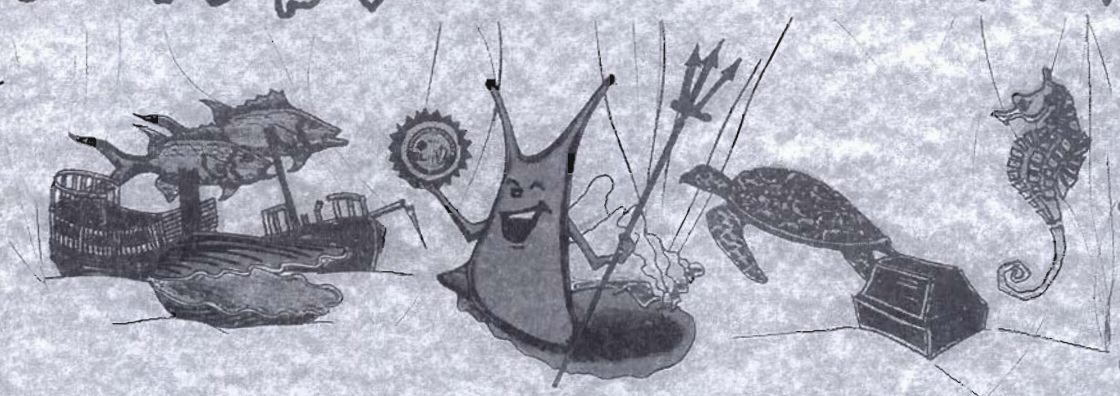
REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DOCUMENTATION: Included Not Required

DISPOSITION: _____

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Mayor's Proclamation

WORLD LUPUS DAY

Whereas, lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body, and in some cases, death; and

Whereas, more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men, and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

Whereas, medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

Whereas, many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

Whereas, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus; and

Now, therefore be it resolved that May 10, 2007 is hereby designated as World Lupus Day on which lupus organizations around the globe call for increased in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programs for health professionals, patients and the public, and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2007

Maria Di Gennaro

Mario Di Gennaro, Mayor
Monroe County, Florida