



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025 – 1:00PM  
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
324 WEST EVANS STREET  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

**IX. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**d. Resolution No. 2025-17**

A Resolution to proclaim May 2025 as Lupus Awareness Month in the City of Florence.

- \* **This item may be added to the May 12, 2025 City Council agenda by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.**

## FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** May 12, 2025  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** City Council  
Sponsored by Councilman Chaquez McCall

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

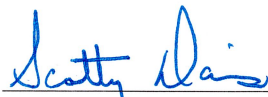
A Resolution of the City of Florence recognizing May 2025 as Lupus Awareness Month.

**II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes the immune system to attack healthy tissue, affecting multiple organs and systems throughout the body.
2. Approximately 1.5 million Americans are living with lupus, with women, particularly women of color, being disproportionately affected.
3. The disease presents with diverse symptoms that are often difficult to diagnose, resulting in delayed treatment and increased risk of complications.
4. Increased awareness, education, and advocacy are critical for improving diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes for those affected.

**III. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Resolution



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Scotty Davis  
City Manager

(STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)  
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(CITY OF FLORENCE)

**RESOLUTION 2025-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system attacks healthy tissue, causing inflammation and damage to various parts of the body including the skin, joints, kidneys, heart, lungs, brain, and blood cells; and

**WHEREAS**, lupus affects an estimated 1.5 million Americans and millions more worldwide, and disproportionately impacts women, particularly women of color, including African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, and Native American communities; and

**WHEREAS**, lupus is a significant public health issue with no known cure, and can be difficult to diagnose due to its wide-ranging and sometimes vague symptoms, leading to delayed treatment and increased risk of complications; and

**WHEREAS**, early diagnosis, proper medical care, increased public awareness, and ongoing research are critical to improving the quality of life for those living with lupus; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Florence recognizes the importance of raising awareness about lupus, showing support for individuals and families impacted by the disease, and promoting education to improve outcomes and foster a supportive community; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing May 2025 as Lupus Awareness Month will help bring needed attention to this disease and support those who are affected in Florence and across South Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2025 as Lupus Awareness Month** in the City of Florence and encourage all residents, schools, businesses, and community organizations to help raise awareness, support those living with lupus, and advocate for continued research and funding.

**RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025.**

Approved as to form:

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CITY ATTORNEY

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LETHONIA BARNES  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CASEY C. MOORE  
MUNICIPAL CLERK