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A resolution by Supervisors Martin and Wasserman, to recognize May 2019 as Lupus Awareness Month and increase community awareness through Lupus education, support, and advocacy resource utilization, by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., estimates 1.5 million Americans, and at least 5 million people around the world have a form of Lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that is often difficult to diagnose as symptoms often come and go during the duration of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., reports that about 1 in 200 people in the United States have a form of Lupus, and 16,000 new cases are reported annually; and

WHEREAS, Lupus is more prevalent among women of color than Caucasian women, as research specifically indicates that the disease affects 1 in 537 young African American women between the ages of 15 and 44; and

WHEREAS, people report waiting an average of six years for an accurate diagnosis after first noticing symptoms, and 92 percent of Whites and 85 percent of Hispanics were referred to a specialist within the first three months of diagnosis as opposed to 64 percent of African Americans, and 66 percent of Asians, respectively, during the same time frame; and

WHEREAS, a study in Arthritis and Rheumatology reveals that African American and Hispanic women with Lupus frequently suffer adverse pregnancy outcomes more often than White women, such outcomes include fetal death, preterm delivery due to preeclampsia, and fetal growth restriction; and

WHEREAS, additional studies by the American College of Rheumatology establishes a link between race, ethnicity, and education levels that delay access to specialty Lupus care; and

WHEREAS, the study revealed that African Americans, Asians, and those with a high school education or less are most at risk for delays in care; and

WHEREAS, the results of a survey issued by the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., concludes that 63 percent of Americans surveyed have never heard of or know little about Lupus, or that there is no cure for Lupus; and

WHEREAS, the survey results demonstrate the urgent need to increase public awareness and education about Lupus; and

47           WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of  
48 May 15, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-484 as amended (vote 5-0);  
49 now, therefore,

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51           BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
52 recognizes May 2019 as Lupus Awareness Month, and encourages the community to  
53 utilize Lupus education, support, and advocacy resources to increase awareness about  
54 the disease; and

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56           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board recognizes May ~~17, 2019~~, as  
57 National Go Purple to End Lupus, and encourages the community to wear the color  
58 purple on that day to raise awareness about Lupus.

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