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PROCLAMATION 2022-18
MAY AS LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is an infectious disease caused by spirochetal bacteria, *Borrelia Burgdorferi*, which is carried by the blacklegged tick also known as the deer tick; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases are seriously underreported across Susquehanna County, the Commonwealth of PA and Nation; and

WHEREAS, if not treated early, Lyme disease can infect every part of the body and cause a wide variety of symptoms requiring medical practitioners to have familiarity with its various clinical presentations, and in some cases, untreated or inadequately treated Lyme disease can lead to death or disability; and

WHEREAS, typical symptoms can include but are not limited to fever, headache, fatigue, and a characteristic skin rash called erythema migraines; and

WHEREAS, there are many protective and precautionary actions that can be taken by individuals to decrease exposure and infection; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness, education, the County of Susquehanna pursues to lessen the devastating effects of Lyme disease among all Susquehanna County residents by encouraging all residents and medical providers to take all types of tick-borne diseases seriously;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Commissioners of Susquehanna County declare the month of May 2022, to be Lyme Disease Awareness Month in Susquehanna County and urge all citizens of Susquehanna County to take accountability of this event and contribute aptly in its observance.

Adopted April 27,2022

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