

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

Sarcoidosis Awareness Month

- WHEREAS:** April is Sarcoidosis Awareness Month - pronounced SAR-COY-DOE-SIS; and
- WHEREAS:** Sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that is extremely difficult to diagnose. This disease can affect any organ in the body and causes heightened immunity, a condition that results in overreaction of the immune system, resulting in damage to the body's own tissues; and
- WHEREAS:** Sarcoidosis affects people of all ages, genders and ethnicities, but is most common among adults of 20 and 40 years old; although sarcoidosis can affect anyone, the incidence in African-Americans is more than three times higher than in Caucasian Americans, and the disease is more likely to be chronic and fatal in African-Americans; and
- WHEREAS:** today, it is estimated that 200,000+ people in the U.S. have Sarcoidosis, with more than 1 million individuals living with the disease worldwide and an approximately 27,000-30,000 new cases each year. Despite increasing advances in research, sarcoidosis remains difficult to diagnose with limited treatment options and no known cure.; and
- WHEREAS:** the typical symptoms of Sarcoidosis are the formation of granulomas-microscopic cluster of inflammatory cells that group together and interfere with organ function; and
- WHEREAS:** Sarcoidosis most commonly targets the lungs and lymph nodes, but also can affect the skin, eyes, liver, kidneys, heart, bones, brain and nervous system; and
- WHEREAS:** researchers at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases are continuing to study the diagnosis and treatment of Sarcoidosis. On this occasion, we recognize their work and that of other concerned physicians and scientists throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** it is important to recognize those who demonstrate great courage, determination and strength in their efforts to cope with this disease as well as their family members who engage in efforts to promote awareness, improve treatment, and support for those affected by Sarcoidosis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida together with the City Commissioners, hereby declare the month of April 2026 as: Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in the City of Sunrise.



Witness My Hand and Official Seal of
The City of Sunrise, Florida

Michael J. Ryan, Mayor