

1 WHEREAS, while lupus can strike men and women of all ages,
2 ninety percent of individuals diagnosed with the disease are women
3 mostly of childbearing age. No one is safe from lupus; African
4 Americans, Hispanic or Latin Americans, Asian Americans and Native
5 Americans are two to three times more likely than Caucasian
6 Americans to develop lupus, a disparity that remains unexplained;
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8 WHEREAS, lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because
9 its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major
10 gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of lupus;
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12 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation in Oklahoma
13 City, which is one of the worldwide leaders in lupus research, has
14 recently found genes that could signify that lupus may be passed on
15 from one generation to another.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
17 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18 THAT the month of May 2012 is hereby recognized by the Oklahoma
19 House of Representatives as Oklahoma Lupus Awareness Month.

20 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Lupus
21 Foundation of America, Oklahoma Chapter.

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23 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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