



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

Proclaiming March 2013 as "Myeloma Awareness Month" in the City of Madison.

Body

WHEREAS, Multiple myeloma (or myeloma), the second most common blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow and is called "multiple" because the cancer can occur at multiple sites; and,

WHEREAS, Multiple myeloma currently affects more than 100,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 20,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 10,000 losing their battle each year; and,

WHEREAS, once a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers in people under 65; and,

WHEREAS, myeloma is a rare disease there can be a delayed diagnosis, leading to delayed treatment. For this reason an increased awareness of myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer; and,

WHEREAS, continued investment and innovation is critical to achieve early diagnosis and implement the most effective and safest treatments for myeloma patients; and,

WHEREAS, although we have seen important advances in the last decade there is still no cure for myeloma; and,

WHEREAS, the International Myeloma Foundation is committed to increasing awareness of myeloma and encouraging private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby proclaim the month of March 2013 as **MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH** in the city of Madison and encourage all residents to join in participating in voluntary activities to support myeloma education and the funding of research programs to find a cure.