

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas: *it is one of the privileges of the Mayor to recognize and honor significant occasions in our community; and*

WHEREAS: scleroderma is a chronic connective tissue disease which effects an estimated 15,000 Ohioans and 300,000 people in the United States; and

WHEREAS: the word "scleroderma" comes from two Greek words; "sclero" meaning hard and "derma" meaning skin. In scleroderma, a patient's immune system becomes overactive and attacks its own tissues through an overproduction of collagen. Scleroderma can develop and is found in every age group from infants to the elderly, but its onset is most frequent between the ages of 25 and 55; and

WHEREAS: scleroderma is a highly individualize disease with symptoms that range from very mild to life-threatening. Scleroderma can cause thickening and tightening of the skin, as well as serious damage to internal organs including the lungs, heart, kidneys, esophagus, and gastrointestinal tract; and

WHEREAS: prompt and proper diagnosis and treatment by qualified physicians can minimize the symptoms of scleroderma and lessen the chance for irreversible damage, but there is not yet a cure for the disease; and


WHEREAS: there are multiple National Scleroderma Foundation support groups in the state of Ohio. The National Scleroderma Foundation's mission is to advance medical research, promote disease awareness, and provide support and educate people with scleroderma, their families and support networks.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor of the City of Grove City do hereby proclaim June 2022 as:

"SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH"

in Grove City and urge all citizens to support the mission of the National Scleroderma Foundation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Grove City, Ohio be affixed this 4th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.


Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor

