



A PROCLAMATION FOR DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, dysautonomia is a **group** of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for “automatic” bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control and more;

WHEREAS, dysautonomia impacts over 70 million people around the world, and includes conditions such as Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Neurogenic Orthostatic Hypotension, and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome;

WHEREAS, dysautonomia impacts people of any age, gender, race, or background, including many individuals living in the City of Buchanan,

WHEREAS, dysautonomia can be very disabling and this disability can result in social isolation, stress or the families of those impacted, and financial hardship,

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can result in death, causing tremendous pain and suffering for those impacted and their loved ones,

WHEREAS, increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get diagnosed and treated earlier, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia in our community;

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International, a 501(e)(3) non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia, encourages communities to celebrate Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October around the world;

WHEREAS, we seek to recognize the contributions of medical professionals, patients, and family members who are working to educate our citizenry about dysautonomia in the City of Buchanan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Mark Weedon of the City of Buchanan, do hereby proclaim the month of October

DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH

Throughout the City of Buchanan, County of Berrien, State of Michigan.

Mayor Mark Weedon