

# Proclamation

## Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness

**WHEREAS**, Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) is a genetic disorder characterized by progressive muscle degeneration and weakness, predominantly affecting young boys and rare girls, with an estimated incidence of 1 in every 3,500 male births worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, though a rare disease, significantly impacts the lives of individuals and families, placing physical, emotional, and financial burdens on those affected and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, significant advancements have been made in the research, treatment, and understanding of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, thanks to the efforts of medical professionals, scientists, and patient advocacy groups, yet there remains no cure for this devastating condition; and

**WHEREAS**, raising public awareness about Duchenne muscular dystrophy is essential in fostering understanding, generating support for research initiatives, and promoting policies that assist individuals and families living with this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the strength, resilience, and determination of those living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, their families, and caregivers deserve our recognition and support, as their efforts to raise awareness continue to inspire hope for a future where DMD is treatable and curable; and

**WHEREAS**, during Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month, we stand united in our commitment to bring attention to this disorder and advocate for the well-being of all individuals impacted by DMD, ensuring that they have access to the resources, care, and opportunities they need to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jett Foundation, a leading nonprofit organization, has been dedicated to increasing awareness, raising critical funds, and providing essential programs for individuals and families affected by Duchenne muscular dystrophy since its founding in 2001, working tirelessly to empower communities and improve the quality of life for those living with DMD through advocacy, research, and educational initiatives.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, do hereby proclaim September, 2024 as

### “Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month”

in the City of Hendersonville and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby supporting early childhood programs and preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

**PROCLAIMED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2024.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor  
City of Hendersonville

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jill Murray, City Clerk