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RESOLUTION NO. 50-2016
SPONSORED BY: MRS. COBURN

TITLE: LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON DECLARING
MAY AS “LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH”.**

WHEREAS, each year, the Lupus Foundation of America designates May as National Lupus Awareness Month to show support for the estimated 1.5 million Americans who have Lupus; and

WHEREAS, Lupus is an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that ravages different parts of the body. It is difficult to diagnose, hard to live with, and a challenge to treat; and

WHEREAS, Lupus can affect any part of the body, including the skin, lungs, heart, kidneys and brain. No organ is spared. The disease can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages and organ failure; and

WHEREAS, Lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of Lupus. More than half of all people with Lupus take four or more years and visit three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, while Lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age. However, no one is safe from Lupus. African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to develop Lupus – a disparity that remains unexplained.

WHEREAS, There is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of Lupus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Barberton hereby recognizes May, 2016 as Lupus Awareness Month in the City of Barberton to raise awareness and bring attention to this disease in our community.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed _____ 2016

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2016

Mayor