



**Proclamation No. 25-0715
Recognizing May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, residents of Denver are among those affected by various forms of myositis characterized as rare, chronic, autoimmune muscle wasting diseases; and

WHEREAS, myositis is difficult to diagnose, so treatment is often delayed, and individuals generally experience difficulty finding a health care provider with expertise in their condition; and

WHEREAS, myositis often features debilitating muscle inflammation, pain, fatigue, rashes, trouble swallowing, unexplained falls, difficulty climbing stairs and difficulty getting up from a chair; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a cure for myositis highlights the need for more research to identify causes and treatments for various forms of myositis; and

WHEREAS, myositis awareness empowers individuals to seek an accurate diagnosis, connect with others fighting this rare disease, and advocate for much needed research; and

WHEREAS, The Myositis Association is organizing a nationwide observance of Myositis Awareness Month from May 1-31, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Denver City Council formally recognizes the month of May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month in the City and County of Denver.

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Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Deb Thomas.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 12, 2025

PRESIDENT

