

WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America (LFA) is the nation’s leading non-profit voluntary health organization dedicated to providing programs and services to individuals with lupus and their families; and

WHEREAS, the LFA’s mission is to improve the diagnosis and treatment of lupus, support individuals and families affected by the disease, increase awareness of lupus among health professionals and the public, and find the causes and cure; and

WHEREAS, lupus is a chronic inflammatory disease that can affect various parts of the body, especially the skin, joints, blood, and kidneys. Lupus can cause serious, life-threatening problems. More than 16,000 Americans develop lupus each year, and an estimated 1.5 million Americans have the disease; 50,000 in Michigan alone; and

WHEREAS, the campaign is carried out nationwide by volunteers and staff in 300 chapters who raise funds, develop, and support local groups; and

WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America, in an effort to raise funds to increase direct services for people with lupus and their families in the Battle Creek Community, is sponsoring the inaugural “Walk for Lupus Now” on Saturday, September 12, 2015, in the City of Battle Creek;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deborah G. Owens, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, do hereby proclaim *Saturday, September 12, 2015*, as

“WALK FOR LUPUS NOW DAY”

in the Greater Battle Creek Area and urge all residents to recognize the valuable work done by these volunteers who are participating in this most worthy inaugural event in Battle Creek by contributing both their time and money.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Logo of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, to be affixed this 1st day of September 2015.

Deborah G. Owens, Mayor