

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month.

2 WHEREAS, residents of Kentucky are among those affected by myositis and other
3 rare diseases because nearly 1 in 10 Americans have rare diseases; and

4 WHEREAS, idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (collectively referred to as
5 myositis) are rare, chronic, autoimmune muscle wasting diseases; and

6 WHEREAS, myositis often features debilitating muscle inflammation and other
7 symptoms, such as pain, fatigue, and trouble swallowing; and

8 WHEREAS, myositis can result in myositis-associated interstitial lung disease; and

9 WHEREAS, more research is needed to identify the causes and modes of
10 treatments for the myositis group of diseases, which include anti-MDA5 autoantibody
11 positive myositis, antisynthetase syndrome, dermatomyositis, juvenile dermatomyositis,
12 immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy, inclusion body myositis, and polymyositis; and

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

16 WHEREAS, individuals who suffer with myositis experience reduced quality of
17 life, especially as no cure has been found and life expectancy is shortened, particularly
18 for those with inclusion body myositis; and

19 WHEREAS, women and people of color with all forms of myositis experience
20 particularly pronounced health disparities; and

21 WHEREAS, The Myositis Association is the leading international patient advocacy
22 organization serving the myositis community and focuses on patient services, education,
23 research, and public awareness, toward its goal of achieving a world without myositis;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The Myositis Association is organizing a nationwide observance of
26 Myositis Awareness Month in May, 2025;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. This honorable body hereby recognizes May 2025 as Myositis
4 Awareness Month.

5 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
6 copy of this Resolution to Representative Kimberly Moser.