

Senate Resolution No. 72

**BY:** Senator PARKER

**RECOGNIZING** May 10, 2023, as World Lupus Day

**WHEREAS,** May 10th is known as World Lupus Day to show support for the 105,400 New Yorkers, 1.5 million Americans and 5 million people worldwide who suffer from the often debilitating effects of Lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and

**WHEREAS,** Each year thousands of people are newly diagnosed with Lupus, the great majority of whom are young people in the prime of their lives, and 90% of whom are women; and

**WHEREAS,** Lupus is most prevalent among African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asians; tragically, thousands of people die from Lupus each year because a cure remains elusive; and

**WHEREAS,** Many health professionals are unaware of symptoms and health effects of Lupus, causing people with Lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment, demonstrating the need for increased public and professional awareness of Lupus; and

**WHEREAS,** Medical research efforts into Lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for Lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

**WHEREAS,** Increasing community awareness and focusing public attention on Lupus and its devastating impact on patients' lives will provide hope for a better future for those affected; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body recognizes the needs of those chronically ill people who are living with Lupus and urges all citizens to support the search for a cure and assist those individuals and families who deal with this devastating disease on a daily basis; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize May 10, 2023, as World Lupus Day.