

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
[TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED]  
SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 73**  
**98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**AN ACT**

Relating to the designation of certain awareness months.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

2       **Whereas**, cystic fibrosis, commonly referred to as “CF”, is a genetic disease affecting  
3 approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States and nearly 70,000 children and  
4 adults worldwide, 717 of whom live in Missouri; and

5       **Whereas**, a defective gene causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus  
6 that clogs the lungs, and these secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct  
7 the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines to help break down and  
8 absorb food; and

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10       **Whereas**, more than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the defective CF  
11 gene, and CF occurs in approximately one of every 3,500 live births in the United States; and

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13       **Whereas**, the median age of survival for a person with CF is 39.3 years; and

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15       **Whereas**, with advances in the treatment of CF, the number of adults with CF has  
16 steadily grown, and approximately 900 new cases of CF are diagnosed each year; and

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18           **Whereas**, fifty percent of the CF population is 18 years of age and older, and people with  
19 CF have a variety of symptoms attributed to the more than 1,800 mutations of the CF gene; and  
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21           **Whereas**, infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is the most reliable and least  
22 costly method to identify persons likely to have CF; and  
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24           **Whereas**, early diagnosis of CF permits early treatment and enhances quality of life and  
25 longevity and the treatment of CF depends on the stage of the disease and the organs involved;  
26 and  
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28           **Whereas**, clearing mucus from the lungs is an important part of the daily CF treatment  
29 regimen, and other types of treatments include inhaled antibiotics and pancreatic enzymes,  
30 among others; and  
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32           **Whereas**, there are 8 world-class treatment centers in Missouri which specialize in the  
33 diagnosis of CF and the care of persons with CF; and  
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35           **Whereas**, a critical component of treating patients with CF includes access to innovative  
36 treatments, which can play a crucial role in the lives of patients with CF; and  
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38           **Whereas**, improving the length and quality of life for people with CF starts with  
39 awareness; and  
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41           **Whereas**, the brachial plexus is a network of nerves that conducts signals from the spine  
42 to the shoulder, arm, and hand; and  
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44           **Whereas**, injury to these nerves can result in lack of muscle control or feeling in the arm  
45 or hand, including Erb's palsy:  
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47           **Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the members of the House of Representatives of the  
48 Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby  
49 designate the month of May of each year as "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month" and the month  
50 of October of each year as "Brachial Plexus Awareness Month" in Missouri.

51           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
52 Representatives be instructed to send a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to the Governor  
53 for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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