

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL

To all whom these letters shall come, Greetings: Know ye, that the Louisville Metro Council hereby Proclaims: August 2020 as Gastroparesis Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, the Gastroparesis Clinic estimates 4% of the population suffers from gastroparesis and millions more go undetected due to the similarities of symptoms among other known digestive diseases such as: diabetes, scleroderma, hypothyroidism, migraine, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), eating disorders, and amyloidosis; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases reports 50% of people with type 1 diabetes and 30%-50% of people with type 2 diabetes suffer from gastroparesis; and

WHEREAS, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences found the quality of life for individuals suffering from gastroparesis reported decreased physical and social functioning; and

WHEREAS, common, yet overlooked symptoms of gastroparesis include nausea (93 percent), vomiting (68 to 84 percent), and abdominal pain (46 to 90 percent), coupled with bloating, early fullness while eating, and loss of appetite; and

WHEREAS, about 1 in 10 patients with gastroparesis is considered disabled; and

WHEREAS, the American College of Gastroenterology claims there are few medications available or are approved to treat gastroparesis; and

WHEREAS, treating and detecting Gastroparesis will lead to an improved overall quality of life for those suffering from Gastroparesis; and

WHEREAS, During Gastroparesis Month we will commemorate all those who suffer from Gastroparesis and encourage all individuals to be screened and treated; and

WHEREAS, we are extremely grateful for all the advocates, medical professionals, researchers, and caregivers who dedicate their lives towards those afflicted with Gastroparesis.

Now, Therefore, the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government Proclaims August 2020 as Gastroparesis month and we encourage citizens, government agencies, private businesses, non-profit organizations and all other interested groups to join in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to treat Gastroparesis.

Done this 6th day of August 2020.



*Councilman David Yates
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