

*To all whom these letters shall come, Greeting:  
Know ye, which the Louisville Metro Council  
Hereby proclaims March as*

# **Myeloma Awareness Month**

*Whereas, Myeloma, also called multiple myeloma, is an incurable cancer of cells in the bone marrow that affects the immune system and can damage bone, and*

*Whereas, Myeloma currently affects more than 100,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 20,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 10,000 patients losing their battle each year, and*

*Whereas, Once known as a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers of people under 65, and*

*Whereas, because Myeloma is a rare disease there can be a delayed diagnosis, leading to delayed treatment, and for this reason an increased awareness of Myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer, and*

*Whereas, continued investment and innovation is critical to achieve early diagnosis and to implement the most effective and safest treatments for Myeloma patients, and*

*Whereas, although we have seen important advances in the last decade there is still no cure for Myeloma, and*

*Whereas, the International Myeloma Foundation is commemorating its 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and reaches more than 240,000 members in 120 countries and is dedicated to improving the quality of life of myeloma patients and their families with a focus on four key areas: research, education, support and advocacy.*

*Therefore, be it resolved that the Louisville Metro Council urges all citizens support improving the quality of life for myeloma patients while working toward prevention and a cure*

*Done in the Commonwealth of Kentucky This 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015*

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