



## Proclamation

### BY THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS *MULTIPLE MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH*

- WHEREAS: Multiple myeloma, the second most common blood cancer in the world, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow and can occur in multiple areas inside the body; and
- WHEREAS: Multiple myeloma currently affects more than 140,000 people in the United States. An estimated 34,470 new cases will be diagnosed and 12,640 deaths will occur from the disease in 2022, according to the American Cancer Society; and
- WHEREAS: Every 15 minutes, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with multiple myeloma, although the cause remains unknown; and
- WHEREAS: Multiple myeloma causes a variety of adverse health effects, including a weakened immune system, anemia, kidney damage and bone deterioration; and
- WHEREAS: Multiple myeloma is nearly twice as likely to occur among African Americans and is one of the leading causes of cancer deaths among African Americans, with scientific understanding of the disparity remaining unknown; and
- WHEREAS: Greater awareness of this disease among clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier detection and treatment, improving health outcomes and bringing comfort to patients and their families; and
- THEREFORE: I, Shannon K. Whitfield, Chairman of the Walker County Board of Commissioners, do hereby designate March as Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month in Walker County to increase public knowledge of this disease and advance the vision of finding a cure for multiple myeloma.

Signed and sealed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 2022.

  
Chairman Shannon K. Whitfield

