



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING AUGUST 2024 AS VALLEY FEVER AWARENESS MONTH IN TULARE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Valley Fever, a progressive multisymptomatic respiratory infection, is a debilitating disease; and

WHEREAS, Valley Fever is caused by fungal spores that exists in the soil of the Western & Southwestern United States, including California's Central Coast & Central Valley, that are released into the air by soil disturbance or wind; and

WHEREAS, Valley Fever cases reported in California in 2023 were the highest number ever recorded; and

WHEREAS, Valley Fever attacks the respiratory system, causing infections that can lead to symptoms that resemble many common respiratory infections including cough, fever or fatigue; and

WHEREAS, while many of those infected by Valley Fever will experience a very mild form of the disease, others become ill and suffer life-changing symptoms that can have fatal consequences; and

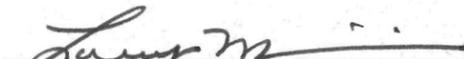
WHEREAS, the Valley Fever Institute at Kern Medical believes that increasing education & awareness for the public, patients and health care providers, and providing the best patient care available, remain the most effective tools to limit disease impact; and

WHEREAS, the County of Tulare remains dedicated to limiting this growing epidemic, educating the public on the importance of early diagnosis, and meeting the need for clinical care and research by healthcare professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the month of August 2024 as Valley Fever Awareness Month in Tulare County and urge all residents to be aware of the existence and symptoms of Valley Fever.

August 27, 2024

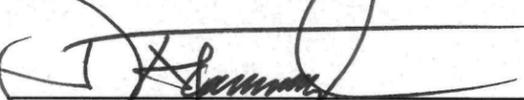



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