**Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day Sample Proclamation**

**Whereas**, Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD)is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting;

**Whereas**, LGMD most commonly affects muscles closest to the body (proximal muscles), specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs.

**Whereas**, LGMD isn’t really one disease but a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 25 sub-types currently identified;

**Whereas**, LGMD occurs among all ethnic groups affecting both males and females;

**Whereas**, LGMD symptoms can begin in childhood, adolescence or adulthood;

**Whereas**, LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected;

**Whereas**, individuals and families affected by LGMD often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services;

**Whereas**, research is ongoing and important advances are being made everyday in understanding the genetic causes for the disease, there is still no known cure or treatment.

**Whereas**, while the public is familiar with some rare disease such as, ALS, and sympathetic to those affected, many patients and families affected by LGMD bear a large share of the burden of raising public awareness to support the search for treatments;

**Whereas**, a global collaborative of LGMD focused foundations and individuals living with LGMD have organized a global day of awareness on September 30, 2016;

**Whereas**, patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers and others in the state of (NAME OF STATE) will participate in that observance;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that September 30, 2016, will be observed as LGMD Awareness Day in (NAME OF STATE)