



**BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018, AS "DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH" IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for "automatic" bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion and temperature control; and

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia are considered rare diseases, such as Multiple System Atrophy and Pure Autonomic Failure, while other forms of dysautonomia are common, impacting millions of people in the United States and around the world, such as Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Neurocardiogenic Syncope and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, dysautonomia impacts people of any age, gender, race or background, including many individuals living in Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can cause severe disability which can result in social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted, and financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can result in death, causing tremendous pain and suffering for those impacted and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get diagnosed and treated earlier, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia, encourages communities to celebrate Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October around the world; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that we hereby set aside October 2018, as "Dysautonomia Awareness Month" in Baldwin County, Alabama, to raise awareness, and in recognition of the contributions of the professional medical community, patients and family members who are working to educate the citizens of Baldwin County about dysautonomia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the County of Baldwin to be affixed at the County Seat in Bay Minette, Alabama, on this the 16th day of October, 2018.

Commissioner Frank Burt, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Ronald J. Cink, County Administrator