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To: Jeannie M. Peerson
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Good Morning Ms. Peerson,

I am a local volunteer for Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that is dedicated to improving the lives of over 70 million people worldwide living with dysautonomia through research, education, advocacy and awareness.

I am seeking your assistance in raising awareness about this important public health matter. October is “Dysautonomia Awareness Month” around the world. We're asking the **Baldwin County** Commission to help us raise awareness by issuing a Proclamation declaring October to be Dysautonomia Awareness Month in **Baldwin County**.

Dysautonomia (pronounced “dis – oughta – know’ – me – uh”) is an umbrella term used to describe several different neurological conditions caused by a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system. The autonomic nervous system controls all of the involuntary bodily functions that we normally take for granted – regulation of our blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate, digestion, kidney function, temperature control, pupil constriction and dilation, etc. When the autonomic nerves are damaged, it can cause very serious problems in one or more of these systems. You can learn more at www.DysautonomiaInternational.org.

Raising awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get diagnosed in a more timely manner, as many dysautonomia patients suffer undiagnosed or misdiagnosed for many years due to a lack of awareness about dysautonomia. With your help, we can change that in **Baldwin County**!

Please let me know if your office is able to help us raise awareness about dysautonomia by issuing the attached proclamation declaring October to be Dysautonomia Awareness Month in **Baldwin County**. If possible, we would like to do a brief proclamation ceremony with you at **the Baldwin County Commission meeting** on October 15th, so that we can take photos and obtain some press coverage about the proclamation after it’s issued.

If there is any other information you need, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully,

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