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Whereas, lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and

Whereas, more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

Whereas, medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

Whereas, many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and the health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

Whereas, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus;

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved that October 2011 is hereby designated as “**October is Lupus Awareness Month**” when lupus organizations around the world call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programmes for health professionals, patients and the public, and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

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Dated

Cathy Stewart
Signed

(To receive information about lupus, or to make a donation that will be used for much-needed research funding or public awareness initiatives, please contact **Lupus Foundation of Ontario** at 800-368-8377.)