

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

24-283

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 15, 2022

To recognize the need for awareness of primary sclerosing cholangitis, honor PSC patients and families, thank PSC Partners for their tireless advocacy, and to declare October 29, 2022 as Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis Awareness Day in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC) is a rare, progressive autoimmune disease that affects the bile ducts;

WHEREAS, bile ducts in the liver become inflamed, which leads them to become scarred, narrowed, and blocked. As a result, bile cannot properly flow through the liver, and the buildup causes liver damage;

WHEREAS, the damage caused when bile ducts cannot properly drain in PSC often leads to infection, fibrosis, and cirrhosis, and may require a liver transplant;

WHEREAS, PSC is associated with a significantly increased chance of cancer, especially cholangiocarcinomas, gallbladder, liver, and colorectal cancer;

WHEREAS, the cause of PSC is unknown, and there is currently no cure. Even after a liver transplant, more than one in four patients are diagnosed with recurrent PSC;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that up to 1 in 10,000 people in the world may have PSC, although only several tens of thousands have been identified;

WHEREAS, PSC Partners is the leading organization driving research, education, and support for patients, families, and providers in the United States.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis Awareness Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the need to raise awareness for primary sclerosing cholangitis, honors PSC patients and families in the District, thanks PSC Partners for their tireless advocacy, and declares October 29, 2022 as Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis Awareness Day in the District of Columbia.

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Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.