

Senate Resolution 959

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Unterman of the 45th, Seay of the 34th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jackson of the 2nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April, 2018, as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, sarcoidosis is a disease involving the formation of abnormal collections of
4 inflammatory cells, which form lumps known as granulomas; and

5 WHEREAS, the disease usually beings in the lungs, skin, or lymph nodes, though less
6 commonly affected areas include the eyes, liver, heart, and brain, and any organ can be
7 affected; and

8 WHEREAS, although the exact cause of sarcoidosis remains unknown, many medical
9 experts believe that it may come about as a result of inhaling a foreign substance into the
10 lungs, thereby triggering an immune response; and

11 WHEREAS, while many cases of sarcoidosis are mild or asymptomatic, severe cases can
12 cause disability or even death; and

13 WHEREAS, while there is no cure for the disease, the majority of patients suffering from
14 sarcoidosis do very well with little to moderate treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, in half of cases, sarcoidosis goes away on its own, but in a few cases it may last
16 for years and even cause organ damage; and

17 WHEREAS, general symptoms of sarcoidosis include fatigue, fever, swollen lymph nodes,
18 and weight loss, though other signs and symptoms of the disease vary depending on the
19 organs affected, sometimes developing gradually and other times producing symptoms that
20 span the course of years, with many people showing no symptoms whatsoever and
21 discovering the disease only when they receive a chest X-ray for an unrelated reason; and

22 WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis Awareness Month provides an opportunity to focus on this complex
23 inflammatory disease, to provide information on and raise public awareness of its causes,
24 effects, and treatments, and to underscore important education and research efforts
25 surrounding sarcoidosis.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize April, 2018, as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month at the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
30 press.