

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

A RESOLUTION

To recognize November 14-20, 2021, as Thyroid Eye Disease Awareness Week.

WHEREAS, Thyroid Eye Disease, or TED, is a serious, progressive, and rare autoimmune condition in which the body's immune system mistakenly attacks healthy muscle and fat tissue behind the eye, causing inflammation and scar tissue to form; and

WHEREAS, people living with TED often have debilitating symptoms of eye bulging, double vision, blurred vision, pain, and facial disfigurement; in more severe cases, it can lead to blindness; and

WHEREAS, people living with TED often experience long-term functional, psychosocial, and economic burdens, such as the inability to work or perform basic functions of daily life; and

WHEREAS, the exact underlying process by which TED occurs is not fully understood, and the disease is a serious, vision threatening condition that is capable of worsening over time; and

WHEREAS, TED is a rare disease that affects an estimated sixteen out of every one hundred thousand women and less than three out of every one hundred thousand men; and

WHEREAS, a diagnosis of TED is based upon identification of characteristic symptoms, a detailed patient history, a thorough clinical evaluation, and a variety of specialized tests; there is a genetic component to the condition, and people who have a family member with the disease, or any other autoimmune disease, are at a greater risk of developing TED; and

WHEREAS, Thyroid Eye Disease Awareness Week has been established through a collaboration between advocacy groups including the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association, Inc., and Louisiana BIO.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize November 14-20, 2021, as Thyroid Eye Disease Awareness Week.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES