

**A PROCLAMATION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL AS SARCOIDOSIS
AWARENESS MONTH and OCTOBER 1st through 7th as SARCOIDOSIS
AWARENESS WEEK**

WHEREAS, Sarcoidosis (pronounced SAR-COY-DOE-SIS) is an inflammatory disease that can affect almost any organ in the body. It causes heightened immunity, which means that a person's immune system, which normally protects the body from infection and disease, overreacts, resulting in damage to the body's own tissues. Some progress has been made in understanding the symptoms and better diagnosis the disease, the cause remains undetermined and very little is known about the true burden of this illness;

WHEREAS, through increased research, quantifying prevalence, discovering the cause, improving treatment and finding a cure for sarcoidosis may be well within reach now, therefore, in resolution, April 2014 is designated as **Sarcoidosis Awareness Month** and October 1st – 7th 2014 is designated as **Sarcoidosis Awareness Week** in South Carolina;

WHEREAS, the mission of the Low-Country Sarcoidosis Support Group is to raise the awareness of **Sarcoidosis** and its health issues through educational campaigns for all. It is also designed to strengthen patient/physician relationships, provide support through actual group meetings, online and via telephone, and empower sufferers to become advocates for themselves, thus helping patients to cope while dealing with Sarcoidosis over long periods of time;

So, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED on this day, March 18, 2014, that the Mayor and City Council of the Isle of Palms, on behalf of the City, recognize the efforts of the Low-Country Sarcoidosis Support Group and the FSR International Coalition to Stop Sarcoidosis, to raise awareness of the disease and to support research efforts of concerned physicians and scientists throughout the United States. We also salute the victims of **Sarcoidosis** who demonstrated great courage and determination in their efforts to cope with the disease; and we pay tribute to their family members and to others concerned Americans who are engaged in grass-root efforts to promote awareness of **Sarcoidosis**, as well as improved treatment and support for its victims.



Dick Cronin, Mayor