

**City of Palm Coast, Florida  
Agenda Item**

**Agenda Date:** April 21, 2026

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<b>Department</b> CITY CLERK <b>Division</b> CITY CLERK	<b>Amount</b> <b>Org/Account #</b>
<b>Subject:</b> PROCLAMATION - APRIL AS SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH	
<b>Presenter:</b> Mayor and City Council	
<b>Attachments:</b> 1. Proclamation	
<b>Background:</b> The City of Palm Coast would like to proclaim April as Sarcoidosis Awareness Month.	
<b>Recommended Action:</b> <b>PROCLAIM APRIL 2026 AS SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH</b>	



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, sarcoidosis is a rare, multi-organ inflammatory disease that can be debilitating and, in some cases, life-threatening, affecting an estimated 175,000 individuals across the United States, with no known cause or cure and limited treatment options for chronic cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of sarcoidosis vary widely depending on the organs affected and may include severe fatigue, shortness of breath, irregular heartbeat, vision impairment, joint and muscle pain, neurological complications, skin conditions, and mental health challenges such as anxiety and depression, significantly impacting quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, sarcoidosis can affect individuals of any age, race, or gender, but is most commonly diagnosed in adults between the ages of 30 and 50 and occurs at a higher rate among African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, sarcoidosis is often difficult to diagnose, as there is no single definitive test, requiring extensive medical evaluation and ongoing care, which can place a significant emotional and financial burden on patients and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated researchers, healthcare professionals, caregivers, and advocates continue to work toward improving diagnosis, treatment, and support for those affected, while raising awareness and advancing research efforts to better understand this disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Palm Coast, Florida, that the month of April 2026 be officially designated as:

### SARCOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all residents to join in raising awareness and supporting those impacted by this condition.

**SIGNED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.

ATTEST:

CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA

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Kaley Cook, City Clerk

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Michael Norris, Mayor