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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 78

Offered January 22, 2026

Designating September, in 2026 and in each succeeding year, as Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month in Virginia.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

9 WHEREAS, pulmonary fibrosis is a deadly lung-scarring disease with no true cure and limited treatment
10 options, which only slow progression; while lung transplantation can mitigate the disease for certain patients,
11 the procedure is only available to a small number of individuals and may result in additional complications;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, nearly 50,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis every year;
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15 WHEREAS, Virginia Commonwealth University Health System has made significant contributions in the
16 field of pulmonary fibrosis over the past two decades and was recently designated as a Pulmonary Fibrosis
17 Foundation Care Center; and

18 WHEREAS, other Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Care Centers in the Commonwealth include Inova
19 Fairfax Medical Campus in Falls Church and the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2012, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation established the month of September as national
21 Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month to help unify the pulmonary fibrosis community and increase public
22 awareness and research on behalf of this deadly disease; and

23 WHEREAS, Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month provides an occasion for all Virginians to learn more
24 about the disease, support research into treatments and a cure, and engage in healthy lifestyles; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate
27 September, in 2026 and in each succeeding year, as Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month in Virginia; and,
28 be it

29 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to
30 the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation so that members of the organization may be apprised of the sense of the
31 General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

32 RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this month on
33 the General Assembly's website.