

2026 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

Designating April, in 2026 and in each succeeding year, as Myocarditis Awareness Month in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 11, 2026

Agreed to by the Senate, March 3, 2026

WHEREAS, myocarditis is a rare infectious disease that causes inflammation of the cardiac muscle and may result in severe cardiovascular symptoms or even heart failure; and

WHEREAS, myocarditis causes shortness of breath, fatigue, heart palpitations, chest pain or pressure, lightheadedness, swelling, or a sudden loss of consciousness; there is no cure for myocarditis, and although early treatment may be effective, the disease is often left undiagnosed or misdiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, myocarditis affects thousands of Americans each year, and estimates for annual cases around the world have ranged between one and three million in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, while certain age groups are considered higher risk for the disease, myocarditis can affect people of all ages, and it is a leading cause of sudden death in young adults; and

WHEREAS, the Myocarditis Foundation was established in 2005 to raise awareness of the disease, serve as a resource for up-to-date information, facilitate scientific research and advancements in treatment, and advocate for myocarditis patients throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Myocarditis Awareness Month provides an opportunity for all Virginians to learn more about the disease and efforts to develop a cure, as well as offer compassionate support for individuals with myocarditis and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate April, in 2026 and in each succeeding year, as Myocarditis Awareness Month in Virginia; and, be it

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

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

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