



# City of Framingham

## Proclamation

### May 6, 2025

### Myositis Awareness Month

**WHEREAS:** residents of Massachusetts are among those affected by Myositis and other rare diseases, because nearly one in ten Americans have rare diseases; and

**WHEREAS:** idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (collectively referred to as myositis) are rare, chronic, autoimmune muscle wasting diseases; and, myositis often features debilitating muscle inflammation and other symptoms, such as pain, fatigue, and trouble swallowing; and myositis can result in myositis-associated interstitial lung disease; and

**WHEREAS:** more research is needed to identify the causes of and modes of treatments for the myositis group of diseases, which includes anti-MDA5 autoantibody positive myositis; antisynthetase syndrome; dermatomyositis; juvenile dermatomyositis; immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy; inclusion body myositis; and polymyositis; and

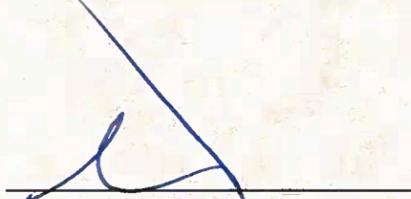
**WHEREAS:** myositis is difficult to diagnose, so treatment is often delayed, and individuals generally have trouble finding a health care provider with expertise in their condition; and,

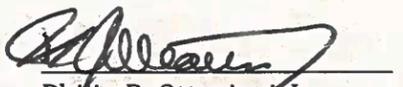
**WHEREAS:** all who suffer with myositis experience reduced quality of life, especially as no cure has been found and life expectancy is shortened, especially for those with inclusion body myositis; and women and people of color with all forms of myositis experience particularly pronounced health disparities; and,

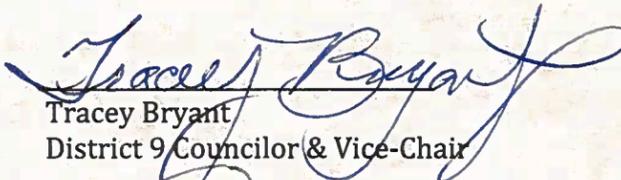
**WHEREAS:** The Myositis Association (TMA) is the leading international patient advocacy organization service the myositis community, focusing on patient services, education, research, and public awareness, so as to achieve a world without myositis; and,

**WHEREAS:** the Myositis Association is organizing a nationwide observance of Myositis Awareness Month from May 1-31, 2025;

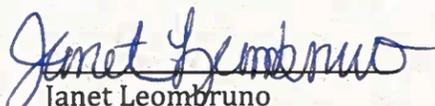
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED,** We, City of Framingham Mayor Charlie Sisitsky and the City Council, hereby proclaim May 2025 is Myositis Awareness Month in the City of Framingham, Massachusetts.

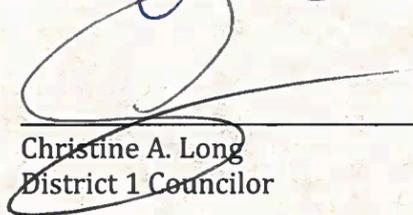
  
Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor

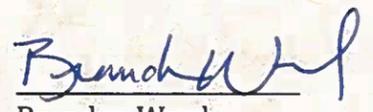
  
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District 6 Councilor & Chair

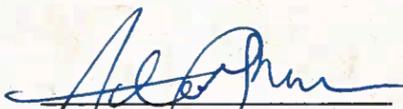
  
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District 9 Councilor & Vice-Chair

  
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Councilor-at-Large

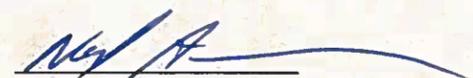
  
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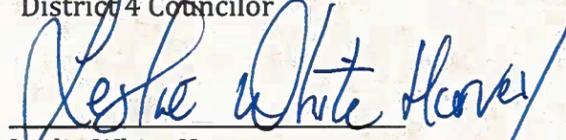
  
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District 3 Councilor

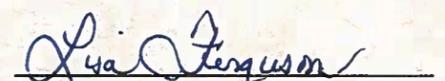
  
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