



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sarcoidosis is a non-contagious, chronic inflammatory disease that commonly affects the lungs but can strike and cause significant damage to other vital organs such as the kidneys as well as the central nervous system by impacting the brain and skin; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to finding a cure for sarcoidosis, improving patient care, and raising vital funding for sarcoidosis research; and

WHEREAS, the Bernie Mac Foundation for Sarcoidosis is a not for profit organization that was founded by legendary comedian Bernie Mac, who died from complications of Sarcoidosis, with the mission of raising funds for sarcoidosis research and promoting active awareness of sarcoidosis; and

WHEREAS, founded by Dr. Nadera Sweiss, the Bernie Mac STAR Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago is working to provide comprehensive care for patients with all forms of sarcoidosis through cutting edge research, state-of-the-art treatment, and collaborative efforts between a multidisciplinary team and other sarcoidosis organizations; and

WHEREAS, it is the hope that through encouraging funding and research for sarcoidosis, we will improve methods of detection, diagnosis, and treatment of this complex disease and become another step closer to discovering a cure for sarcoidosis; and

WHEREAS, April 21, 2023 has been designated as worldwide Sarcoidosis Awareness Day to call attention to sarcoidosis as a disease affecting many Americans and countless others around the world arousing very important global, public health concern:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2023 to be SARCOIDOSIS DAY IN CHICAGO to raise awareness about sarcoidosis and encourage all residents to support the Bernie Mac Foundation for Sarcoidosis and the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research in their efforts to ensure a healthier tomorrow.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2023.

  
Mayor