



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autoimmune disease is one of the top 10 leading causes of death in female children and women in all age groups up to 65 years old and is the most popular health topic for callers to the National Women’s Health Information Center; and

WHEREAS, the AARDA (American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association, Inc.) estimates up to 50 million Americans suffer from autoimmune disease; more than cancer and more than heart disease; and

WHEREAS, the disease can cause inflammation in vital organs and tissues, and once damaged, the inflammation can be chronic; and

WHEREAS, while genetics plays a role, autoimmune diseases are often unpredictable and misunderstood, difficult to diagnose, can affect any part of the body, and are hard to live with and a challenge to treat; and

WHEREAS, some of the most common of the 80–100 recognized autoimmune diseases are celiac disease, juvenile diabetes, juvenile arthritis, lupus, multiple sclerosis, psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis, alopecia, and encephalitis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor of the City of Coppell, do hereby proclaim September 2, 2017, as

“Autoimmune Disease Awareness Day”

in the City of Coppell, and encourage citizens to observe this day by educating themselves on the symptoms and impact of autoimmune diseases, and to support programs of research, education and community service, including the third annual fundraiser event entitled “Compete Every Day Fighting Autoimmunity 5k,” hosted by the City of Coppell.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 22nd day of August 2017.

Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christel Pettinos, City Secretary