

Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is a hereditary disorder that can lead to life-threatening lung disease in adults, and liver disease at any age; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations. There are about 100,000 people who are afflicted with Alpha-1 in the United States. An estimated 19 million people carry this single deficient gene; and

WHEREAS, a proper diagnosis can be made using a simple blood test, however, Alpha-1 is widely underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed. It often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the onset of symptoms to identify the disorder. It is estimated that less than 10% of Alpha-1 sufferers have been accurately diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, lung disease is the most frequent cause of disability and early death among affected persons. The only treatment for liver disease caused by Alpha-1 is a liver transplant; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November a nationwide awareness campaign will take place to educate the public and medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW H. MEAD, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim November, 2017 as

ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH

in Wyoming.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 23 day of October, 2017.



A blue ink signature of Matthew H. Mead.

Matthew H. Mead
Governor