
PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

Proclamation

• 2018 •

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common and serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups, it is estimated that about 1 in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1 and up to 6 percent of Caucasians in the U.S. carry a single deficient gene and may pass the gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is widely under diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed, and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done using a simple blood test; and

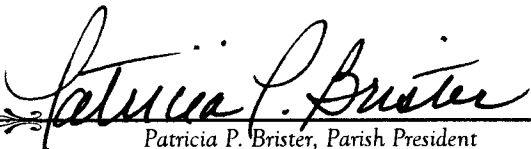
WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia P. Brister, as Parish President of St. Tammany Parish, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2018, as

Alpha-1 Awareness Month

And encourage all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.


Patricia P. Brister, Parish President

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand officially to be affixed the Executive Seal of the Parish of St. Tammany, in the city of Mandeville this 1st day of November, 2018.

