

# Proclamation

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**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. Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups, and it is estimated that about 1 in every 2,500 Americans have Alpha-1; 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; and

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

Therefore, **NOVEMBER 2018** is hereby proclaimed:

Alpha-1 Awareness Month

