

By: Representative DeLano

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2018 AS  
2 "LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH."

3 WHEREAS, Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses are  
4 found across the State of Mississippi and throughout the United  
5 States; and

6 WHEREAS, ticks, the primary transmitter of Lyme disease, are  
7 carried by animals that Mississippi citizens encounter every day;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, researchers have identified more strains and species  
10 of the Lyme spirochetal bacteria *Borrelia burgdoferi* in the  
11 Southeastern United States than in any other region of the  
12 country; and

13 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
14 estimate that 300,000 people are diagnosed with Lyme disease in  
15 the United States every year; and

16 WHEREAS, because diagnosing Lyme disease can be difficult,  
17 many people who actually have Lyme disease may be misdiagnosed  
18 with other conditions; and



19           WHEREAS, prompt treatment with adequate antibiotic therapy in  
20 the early stage of infection may cure Lyme disease; however, in  
21 some cases, untreated or inadequately treated Lyme disease can  
22 lead to death or permanent disability; and

23           WHEREAS, Lyme disease can affect the brain, heart, joints and  
24 other organs of the body, often mimicking other illnesses; and

25           WHEREAS, all symptoms following tick bites should be taken  
26 seriously; and

27           WHEREAS, the best protection from becoming seriously ill with  
28 Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases is education about  
29 ticks, the diseases they carry, and proper protection and  
30 prevention:

31           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
32 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
33 THEREIN, That we do hereby declare the month of May 2018 as "Lyme  
34 Disease Awareness Month" to promote the education and awareness of  
35 Lyme disease and how it can be prevented and treated.

36           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
37 furnished to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

