

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Lyme disease is an infectious disease not limited to age, ethnicity or geographical area and is the most common vector-borne disease in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is transmitted by the bite of an infected deer tick, caused by a bacteria and gives early symptoms, such as a bulls-eye rash, fever, aching muscles, headache and fatigue; and

WHEREAS, more than 250 new cases of Lyme disease were reported in Fairfax County in 2009, while numerous cases go unreported or detected each year; and

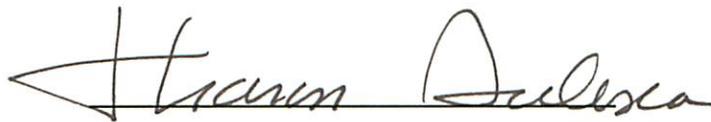
WHEREAS, wearing a repellent, checking for ticks and proper tick removal are imperative, and if done correctly and promptly can aid in the prevention of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Disease Carrying Insects Program of the Fairfax County Health Department provides residents with information about personal protection, tick control methods and tick identification services to protect people from this disease; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby proclaim May 2010, as

Lyme Disease Awareness Month

in Fairfax County and urges all residents to learn about Lyme disease and how to protect themselves and prevent this illness so they “Don’t get sick from the bite of a tick.”



Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

April 27, 2010

Date

