COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** more than 280 new cases of Lyme disease were reported in Fairfax County in 2010, and we know more cases go undiagnosed and/or unreported; and

**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 one of the most common vector-borne diseases in Fairfax County; and

**WHEREAS,** residents can help limit the impact of Lyme disease on themselves and their families by understanding that Lyme disease is transmitted by the bite of an infected deer tick, recognizing the early symptoms of Lyme disease, which may include a bull's-eye rash, flu-like symptoms, muscle aches, headaches and fatigue, and performing tick checks and proper tick removal; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fairfax County Health Department Disease Carrying Insects Program conducts surveillance, offers year-round community outreach and education on personal protection, tick control methods and provides a tick identification service to help protect the public; **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby proclaim May 2011, as

## Lyme Disease Awareness Month

in Fairfax County and urges all residents to take protective steps, including dressing properly, wearing repellent and doing tick checks after spending time outdoors so they "Don't get sick from the bite of a tick."

**Sharon Bulova, Chairman**
**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors**

*April 26, 2011*
**Date**

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