

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 545

Supporting the designation of July 15, 2016, as “Leiomyosarcoma Awareness Day”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 14, 2016

Ms. STABENOW submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of July 15, 2016, as  
“Leiomyosarcoma Awareness Day”.

Whereas a soft tissue sarcoma is a rare type of cancer, accounting for approximately 1 percent of newly diagnosed cancers;

Whereas Leiomyosarcoma (referred to in this preamble as “LMS”) is a malignant subtype of soft tissue sarcoma that originates in smooth muscle, often in the walls of blood vessels;

Whereas LMS is highly aggressive and can be found throughout the body, but is especially concentrated in the uterus, abdominal cavity, and extremities;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health classifies LMS as a rare disease;

Whereas most oncologists will only see a few cases of LMS throughout a career;

Whereas the causes of LMS are still unknown;

Whereas LMS is largely resistant to standard chemotherapeutic agents, radiation treatment, and current immunotherapies;

Whereas multidisciplinary care coordination teams, because of their expertise and experience, are critical to the health of LMS patients;

Whereas LMS research will allow medical professionals to improve the quality of care for LMS patients, lead to better clinical outcomes, and promote longer survival for LMS patients; and

Whereas increased education and awareness about LMS will contribute to the well-being of the communities of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) supports the designation of July 15, 2016,  
3       as “Leiomyosarcoma Awareness Day”;

4               (2) recognizes the challenges faced by  
5       Leiomyosarcoma patients; and

6               (3) commends the dedication of organizations,  
7       volunteers, researchers, and caregivers across the  
8       country working to improve the quality of life of  
9       Leiomyosarcoma patients and the families of  
10      Leiomyosarcoma patients.

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