

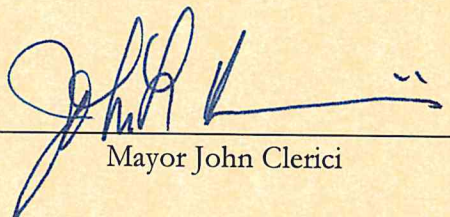


**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PLACERVILLE DECLARING MAY, 2025, AS
LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

- WHEREAS:** Lyme disease is a serious bacterial infection primarily transmitted by tick bites and can cause severe health issues if not promptly diagnosed and treated; and
- WHEREAS:** First identified in Lyme, Connecticut, the disease has since spread across all 50 U.S. states and over 60 countries worldwide, including widespread presence in California; and
- WHEREAS:** Early symptoms such as rash, fever, and fatigue may be mild, but if untreated, Lyme disease can lead to debilitating long-term complications affecting the nervous system, joints, and mental health; and
- WHEREAS:** Diagnosis is often difficult due to unreliable testing and symptoms that mimic other conditions, leading to frequent misdiagnosis and delayed treatment; and
- WHEREAS:** Children, older adults, and outdoor workers are most at risk, with an estimated 467,000 new cases reported annually in the U.S., and up to 40% potentially developing chronic illness; and
- WHEREAS:** The western blacklegged tick, found in 56 of California's 58 counties, is the primary vector in the state, with infection rates as high as 42% in some regions; and
- WHEREAS:** Ticks may also carry other infections like babesiosis and anaplasmosis, complicating treatment, and California is home to more Lyme-causing borrelia species than any other U.S. region; and
- WHEREAS:** Lyme disease poses significant public health concern for Californians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Clerici, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Placerville, hereby proclaim May, 2025, as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Dated: May 13, 2025


Mayor John Clerici

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Placerville to be affixed this 26th day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:


Regina O'Connell, CPMC, City Clerk