TOWN OF HAMILTON PROCLAMATION
Lyme Disease Awareness Month, May 2014

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Hamilton residents is important to the happiness, prosperity and well-being of our Town's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Lyme disease is the most commonly reported vector borne illness in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 165 new cases of Lyme disease in Loudoun County in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the CDC estimates that the total number of people diagnosed with Lyme disease in the United States is roughly 10 times higher than the yearly reported number of cases and that many more cases may go undiagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Loudoun County's "Loudoun Targets Lyme" initiative was recognized by the Virginia Association of Counties for being a model local government program; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun Lyme Disease Commission has been actively addressing the board of Supervisors 10 Point Plan to Mitigate Lyme Disease in Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is almost always caused by the bite of an infected black legged tick and is caused by a type of bacteria that gives early symptoms, such as a bulls-eye rash, fever, aching muscles, headache, and fatigue; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hamilton Town Council hereby proclaims May 2014 as LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH in the Town of Hamilton

PROCLAIMED this 14th day of April 2014.

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