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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

October 15, 2002

During the month of October, the County of Los Angeles will be joining the Lupus International Foundation to eradicate Lupus by supporting Lupus research and alleviate suffering for Lupus patients through patient services and early detection.

Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that causes inflammation of various parts of the body, especially skin, joints and kidneys. Lupus is NOT infectious, rare or cancerous. Lupus strikes primarily in women in their childbearing years from the ages of 16-45. The true sadness of the disease is that there is no cure and the treatments used today have severe side effects. Market research data shows that there are more than 2.8 million people to have been diagnosed with Lupus. For most people, it may cause serious and even life-threatening problems. Thousands of people die each year from Lupus related complications.

The Lupus International Foundation has provided supportive services at little or no cost to the patient and has increased awareness by participating in health fairs, symposiums providing education and support groups, the "Lupus Line", a quarterly magazine which reports on new research findings and treatments, and a support hotline

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for person with Lupus and their families. They also provide outreach efforts to the medical community to help them understand the various symptoms of Lupus, diagnosis of the disease and ways to treat and fund research projects for finding a cure through its various fundraising events, such as the "Lupus Race for Life" event being held on October 13, 2002 at La Mirada Regional Park.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board waive fees in the amount of \$800, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for use of La Mirada Regional County Park, for the "Lupus Race for Life" 5K Run and Walk sponsored by Lupus International held on October 13, 2002.

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