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To enact section 5.2323 of the Revised Code to	1
designate May as "Myositis Awareness Month."	2

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5.2323 of the Revised Code be	3
enacted to read as follows:	4

<u>Sec. 5.2323. The month of May is designated as "Myositis</u>	5
<u>Awareness Month" in recognition of the following:</u>	6

<u>(A) Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies, collectively</u>	7
<u>referred to as myositis, are rare, chronic autoimmune muscle-</u>	8
<u>wasting diseases that often feature debilitating muscle</u>	9
<u>inflammation and other symptoms such as pain, fatigue, and</u>	10
<u>trouble swallowing, and can result in myositis-associated</u>	11
<u>interstitial lung disease.</u>	12

<u>(B) Myositis contributes to a reduced quality of life and</u>	13
<u>lifespan.</u>	14

<u>(C) Myositis is difficult to diagnose, and more research</u>	15
<u>is needed to identify the causes of, and treatments for, the</u>	16
<u>myositis group of diseases.</u>	17