



Proclamation

OFFICE OF MAYOR JUSTIN M. BIBB

City of Cleveland, Ohio
Celebrating the Recognition of
Gout Awareness Day
May 22, 2023

- Whereas,* on behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I am honored to offer this Proclamation recognizing Gout Awareness Day; and,
- Whereas,* more than 9 million Americans suffer with gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis, caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and
- Whereas,* gout is a chronic disease characterized by sudden and excruciating painful attacks; and,
- Whereas,* gout impacts a patient's workplace, community, and daily quality of life; and,
- Whereas,* Black Americans are two to three times more likely to develop gout than White Americans, and are less likely to be prescribed urate-lowering medications or receive ongoing, routine provider care; and
- Whereas,* Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders are also at an increased risk of gout; and,
- Whereas,* stigma, lack of awareness and misinformation may hinder treatment for gout; and,
- Whereas,* heightening public awareness can reduce the unfair stigma people with gout experience, and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment.

Now therefore, I Justin M. Bibb, the 58th Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby offer this Proclamation in recognition of Gout Awareness Day and I encourage all citizens to join me in bringing awareness to one of the most common forms of inflammatory arthritis.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 22nd day of May in the year 2023.



Mayor Justin M. Bibb