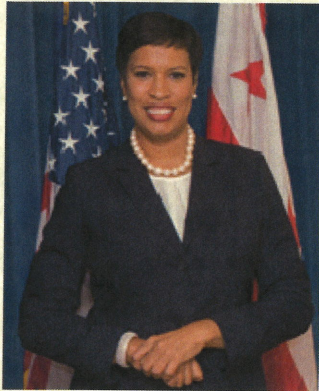


# Proclamation



## GOUT AWARENESS DAY

MAY 22, 2023

**WHEREAS**, more than 9 million Americans suffer with gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis, caused by uric acid buildup in the joints that produces excruciating attacks and undermines all aspects of patients' quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Black Americans are significantly more likely to develop gout than other demographics and less likely to be prescribed urate-lowering medications or to receive ongoing, routine clinical care; and

**WHEREAS**, people of Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) heritage are approximately three times more likely to develop gout than those of European descent; and

**WHEREAS**, while stigma, lack of awareness, and misinformation may hinder the treatment of gout, raising public awareness can reduce stigma and empower gout patients to seek quality care and timely treatment:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC**, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2023, as "GOUT AWARENESS DAY" in Washington, DC.

