

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 1311

Expressing support for the designation of May 2026 as “Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2026

Mr. HARDER of California submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of May 2026 as
“Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Month”.

Whereas necrotizing fasciitis is a rare but severe bacterial infection that spreads rapidly in the body’s soft tissue and can lead to significant morbidity and mortality if not treated promptly;

Whereas necrotizing fasciitis is often caused by bacteria, such as Group A Streptococcus, though other pathogens may also be responsible;

Whereas early symptoms may include redness, swelling, fever, and severe pain;

Whereas the infection can progress quickly to tissue destruction, systemic illness, and death;

Whereas prompt diagnosis and immediate medical intervention, including antibiotics and surgical treatment, are critical to improving patient outcomes;

Whereas increased awareness among the public and health care providers can lead to earlier recognition, faster treatment, and improved survival rates;

Whereas survivors of necrotizing fasciitis often face long-term physical and emotional challenges, including recovery from extensive surgeries and rehabilitation;

Whereas advocacy organizations, health care professionals, and survivors work to educate the public about the risks, symptoms, and prevention of necrotizing fasciitis; and

Whereas designating a month for awareness would help promote education, encourage early detection, and support affected individuals and families: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “Necrotizing
3 Fasciitis Awareness Month”;

4 (2) encourages Federal, State, and local agen-
5 cies, health care providers, and community organiza-
6 tions to promote awareness of necrotizing fasciitis;

7 (3) urges increased public education on the
8 early signs and symptoms of necrotizing fasciitis to
9 improve timely diagnosis and treatment; and

10 (4) expresses support for patients, survivors,
11 families, and caregivers affected by necrotizing
12 fasciitis.