

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 1311

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

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## 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

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## 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.