

Month Day, Year

Government Official's First and Last Name

Address

City, State ZIP

Dear Mr. /Ms. Last Name:

I am writing to request that you proclaim September as Histiocytosis Awareness Month in (city/state). Your proclamation would be made in conjunction with other cities and states around the United States of America to promote more people to raise awareness about histiocytic disorders.

These disorders, commonly referred to as histiocytosis, are considered orphan diseases, affecting less than 200,000 people per year in the United States, thus are less of a priority for government-funded research. In patients diagnosed with histiocytosis, for unknown reasons, certain white blood cells called histiocytes are over-produced; they build up in certain parts of the body and can form tumors or damage organs.

[Insert SHORT paragraph how you and your family are affected]

Histiocytosis Awareness Month is a collaborative effort by the Histiocytosis Association and the Histo Community across the country to highlight the importance of raising awareness for these rare, and often fatal, diseases.

Histiocytosis Awareness Month is a time to focus on the importance of raising awareness for these debilitating disorders; it is also an opportunity to enhance public recognition for the people and organizations that continuously forge forward in search for better treatments and ultimately, a cure. We hope that you will be willing to declare September as Histiocytosis Awareness Month. You can truly make a difference in the lives of patients and families fighting this rare battle.

Sincerely,

Your Name

*You can learn more about histiocytosis at [www.histio.org](http://www.histio.org).*