TOWN OF
SCARBOROUGH, MAINE

Proclamation 26-006

A PROCLAMATION FOR DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

WHEREAS, dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for "automatic" bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control and more; and,

WHEREAS, dysautonomia impacts over 70 million people around the world, and includes conditions such as Diabetic Autonomic Neuropathy, Neurogenic Orthostatic Hypotension, and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome; and,

WHEREAS, dysautonomia impacts people of any age, gender, race or background, including many individuals living in Scarborough; and,

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can be very disabling and this disability can result in social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted, and financial hardship; and**,**

WHEREAS, some forms of dysautonomia can result in death, causing tremendous pain and suffering for those impacted and their loved ones; and,

WHEREAS, increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get diagnosed and treated earlier, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia in our community; and,

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia, encourages communities to celebrate Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October around the world; and,

WHEREAS, we seek to recognize the contributions of the professional medical community, patients and family members who are working to educate our citizenry about dysautonomia in Maine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scarborough Town Council does hereby proclaim the month of October as:

DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH

Signed and dated this 21st day of October, 2026, on behalf of the Scarborough Town Council and the Town Manager of Scarborough, Maine.

Signed by: */s/ Cory R. Fellows*
Council Chair

Attested by: */s/ Yolande P. Justice*
Clerk to the Council