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Dear *TITLE AND NAME*,

On behalf of the FSHD Society and our patients and families, I am writing to enlist your support in raising the visibility of Facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy (FSHD) by issuing a public proclamation this June 20th, which is World FSHD Day.

On this day, advocacy groups around the world will hold events and share messages on social media to bring awareness to this debilitating muscle disease. We ask *STATE/CITY* to join these voices by issuing a proclamation and recommending that the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people. Your support will bring hope to our patients and families.

*OPTIONAL: ADD PERSONAL NOTE, YOUR POSITION IN THE COMMUNITY OR AS A CONSTITUENT, YOUR CONNECTION TO FSHD.*

FSHD affects nearly one million individuals worldwide and results in the progressive loss of all skeletal muscle. Scientific progress on this disease could not only lead to treatments for a cure, but will also benefit a wide range of areas of medicine, from cancer and diabetes to muscle regeneration and repair.

*ADD DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL/REGIONAL CONNECTIONS TO FSHD CLINICAL CARE AND RESEARCH; E.G. HOSPITALS THAT HAVE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CLINICS, RESEARCH LABS, BIOTECHS, AS WELL AS LOCAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS.*

I look forward to working with you and your team to further these important efforts.

Sincerely,
*YOUR NAME*