

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 31, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of March 10 through 16, 2024, as "Multiple
2 Sclerosis Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the
4 central nervous system affecting an estimated 2.3 million
5 people; and

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple
7 Sclerosis Society report that in this Commonwealth more than
8 24,000 people are affected by multiple sclerosis; and

9 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults 20
10 to 50 years of age, attacking them in the prime of their lives,
11 and the cause and a cure remain unknown; and

12 WHEREAS, For 78 years, the National Multiple Sclerosis
13 Society has been committed to a world free of multiple sclerosis
14 and to heightening public knowledge and insight about the
15 disease; and

16 WHEREAS, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

1 has been a driving force of multiple sclerosis research,
2 relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure by
3 investing more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and

4 WHEREAS, Funds raised by the National Multiple Sclerosis
5 Society provide more than \$34 million in funding for more than
6 320 research projects at the best medical centers, universities
7 and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad,
8 which has lead to many breakthroughs in the treatment of
9 multiple sclerosis; and

10 WHEREAS, Stopping multiple sclerosis in its tracks, restoring
11 what has been lost and ending multiple sclerosis forever is the
12 mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that
13 all Americans and Pennsylvanians should support; and

14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the importance of
15 finding the cause and cure of multiple sclerosis and expresses
16 its appreciation for the dedication that the Pennsylvania
17 chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society have shown
18 toward creating a world free of multiple sclerosis; therefore be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
21 week of March 10 through 16, 2024, as "Multiple Sclerosis
22 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the
24 residents of this Commonwealth to join in the fight to end this
25 devastating disease.