
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 6, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of finding the cause and a cure for
2 multiple sclerosis; expressing appreciation to the
3 Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis
4 Society for their work; and recognizing the week of March 11
5 through 17, 2018, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in
6 Pennsylvania.

7 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the
8 central nervous system, affecting an estimated 2.3 million
9 people; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple
11 Sclerosis Society report that in this Commonwealth more than
12 24,000 people are affected by multiple sclerosis; and

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

16 WHEREAS, For more than 70 years, the National Multiple

1 Sclerosis Society has been committed to heightening public
2 knowledge and insight about this devastating and crippling
3 disease and ultimately finding a cure; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society
5 has been a driving force of multiple sclerosis research,
6 relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure by
7 investing more than \$900 million in groundbreaking research; and

8 WHEREAS, Funds raised by the National Multiple Sclerosis
9 Society provide \$42.1 million in funding for 380 research
10 projects at the best medical centers, universities and other
11 institutions throughout the United States and abroad, which has
12 lead to many breakthroughs in the treatment of multiple
13 sclerosis; and

14 WHEREAS, Finding the cause and developing a method of
15 prevention for multiple sclerosis is an important task that all
16 Pennsylvanians should support; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 importance of finding the cause and a cure for multiple
19 sclerosis, a perplexing and painful disease which affects
20 hundreds of thousands of Americans, including many
21 Pennsylvanians; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
23 appreciation and admiration for the major work that the National
24 Multiple Sclerosis Society has done to heighten the public's
25 knowledge and insight about Multiple Sclerosis; and be it
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
28 week of March 11 through 17, 2018, as "Multiple Sclerosis
29 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania and encourage the residents of
30 this Commonwealth to join in the fight to end this devastating

1 disease.