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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MARCH 8TH TO THE 14TH, 2010, AS "NATIONAL  
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK"**

Introduced By: Representatives M Rice, Pollard, Walsh, Shallcross Smith, and A Rice

Date Introduced: March 09, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis currently afflicts more than 400,000 Americans and more  
2 than 2 million people worldwide; and

3           WHEREAS, Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, and Multiple  
4 Sclerosis is three times as common in women as in men; and

5           WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis is an unpredictable disease of the central nervous system  
6 that can cause blurred vision, loss of balance, poor coordination, slurred speech, tremors,  
7 numbness, extreme fatigue, problems with memory and concentration, paralysis, blindness, and  
8 more; and

9           WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, through individual gifts, legacies  
10 and bequests, special events, and corporate contributions is dedicated to finding a cure for this  
11 disease through research efforts and the support for those that suffer from it; and

12           WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society maintains an office in Warwick to  
13 offer vital support and programs to those living with Multiple Sclerosis and their family  
14 members; and

15           WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations is similarly  
16 committed to the eradication of this disease and supports the treatment of its citizens that suffer  
17 from it; and

18           WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations encourages private  
19 efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these diseases; now,

1 therefore be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
3 Providence Plantations hereby joins with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in recognizing  
4 the week of March 8<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, as “National Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week” to  
5 enhance the understanding of Multiple Sclerosis, and to encourage participation in voluntary  
6 activities to support the local programs and services offered by the National Multiple Sclerosis  
7 Society—Rhode Island Chapter and the funding of research programs to find a cure for this  
8 disease; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Warwick office of the National Multiple  
11 Sclerosis Society.

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