

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 229

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A RESOLUTION to designate March 2019 as "Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a rare degenerative and terminal neurological disease that has a distinctive impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include problems with balance, coordination, gait, bladder and bowel functions, speech, swallowing, and breathing; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to MSA care includes physical, psychological, and financial support for patients and caregivers, including support groups; and

WHEREAS, while there are some medications to treat symptoms and some clinical trials developed to improve treatment, much more research is needed to better manage the disease and, ultimately, find a cure; and

WHEREAS, increased education and awareness are needed to assist in accurately diagnosing MSA, to raise funds for research for treatments with fewer side effects, and, ultimately, to find a cure; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate the month of March 2019 as "Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month" in Tennessee.