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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH 2-8, 2015, AS NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS  
WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, Gallo, Morgan, Cote, and Lynch

Date Introduced: March 19, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous  
2 system, affecting 2.3 million people worldwide; and

3           WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Greater New England Chapter  
4 reports that in our state nearly 2,000 people are diagnosed with MS, and that the disease generally  
5 strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and causes unpredictable effects  
6 in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen, and the cause and  
7 cure for this often debilitating disease remain unknown; and

8           WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Greater New England Chapter  
9 has been committed for more than 60 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge  
10 about and insight into the disease; and

11           WHEREAS, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force  
12 of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure and has invested more than  
13 \$868 million dollars in groundbreaking research; and

14           WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the efforts  
15 of nearly 380 research projects globally, totaling \$50.2 million dollars annually at the best  
16 medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad.  
17 Because of this, MS research has never been more hopeful than it is today; and

18           WHEREAS, Discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations  
19 from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Americans and Rhode Islanders

1 should support; now, therefore be it

2           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
3 hereby recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS, a chronic and often  
4 devastating disease, and expresses its appreciation and admiration for the dedication that the  
5 National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Greater New England Chapter has shown toward a future  
6 free of MS; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby joins with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
8 in recognizing the week of March 2-8, 2015, as "National Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" to  
9 enhance the understanding of multiple sclerosis, and to encourage participation in voluntary  
10 activities to support the local programs and services offered by the National Multiple Sclerosis  
11 Society – Greater New England Chapter and the funding of research programs to find a cure for  
12 this disease; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Warwick office of the National Multiple  
15 Sclerosis Society – Greater New England Chapter.

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