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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**RECOGNIZING MARCH 7-13, 2016, AS NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Nunes, Chippendale, Hearn, Bennett, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: March 09, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

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

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

8 WHEREAS, The National MS Society, Greater New England Chapter has been
9 committed for more than 65 years to creating a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge
10 about and insight into the disease while mobilizing people and resources so that everyone affected
11 by MS can live their best lives as they stop MS in its tracks, restore what has been lost and end
12 MS forever; and

13 WHEREAS, Since 1946, the National MS Society has been a driving force of MS
14 research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure and has invested more than 920
15 million dollars in groundbreaking research; and

16 WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National MS Society fuel the efforts of more than
17 380 research projects globally totaling nearly 54 million dollars annually at the best medical
18 centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad. Because of
19 this, MS research has never been more hopeful than it is today; and

1 WHEREAS, Discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations
2 from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Americans and Rhode Islanders
3 should support; now, therefore be it

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

9 RESOLVED, That this House hereby recognizes the week of March 7 – 13, 2016 as
10 "National Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" and encourages all Rhode Islanders to learn more
11 about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families;
12 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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