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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

**PROCLAIMING MARCH 10-16, 2019, TO BE "MS AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE
OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Solomon, Bennett, Johnston, Casey, and Vella-
Wilkinson

Date Introduced: March 13, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

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 Rhode Island more than 2,000 people are living with MS, and that the disease
5 generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and the cause and
6 course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for 73 years to
9 a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

10 WHEREAS, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force
11 of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more
12 than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and

13 WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel \$34
14 million funding of 320 research projects at the best medical centers, universities and other
15 institutions throughout the United States and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the
16 treatment of MS; and

17 WHEREAS, Stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost, and ending MS
18 forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and
19 Rhode Islanders should support; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and
3 expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Greater
4 New England Chapter has shown toward creating a world free of MS; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That this House hereby proclaims March 10-16, 2019, to be “MS
6 Awareness Week” in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That this House hereby commends this observance to all of our citizens and
8 encourages all Rhode Islanders to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to
9 support individuals with MS and their families; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mr. Peter A. Galligan, Chairman, National
12 Board of Directors, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and Mr. Robert Garty, Chairman,
13 National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Greater New England Chapter.

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