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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 8TH TO MARCH 14TH OF 2020, TO BE  
"MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Solomon, Johnston, Casey, Blazejewski, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: March 10, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous  
2 system, affecting nearly one million people in the United States alone; and

3 WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages  
4 20 through 50, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain  
5 unknown and no cure currently exists; and

6 WHEREAS, For 74 years, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed to  
7 a world free of MS and heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

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

11 WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel \$38.7  
12 million of investments in 123 new research projects at the best medical centers, universities, and  
13 other institutions throughout the United States and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the  
14 treatment of MS; and

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

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
19 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the Week of March 8th to March 14th of 2020, to be

1 "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

2           RESOLVED, That this House hereby recognizes the importance of finding the cause and  
3 cure of MS and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis  
4 Society has shown toward creating a world free of MS; and be it further

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

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mr. Peter Galligan, Chairman of the Board,  
10 National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and Ms. Kathy Mechnig, Chapter President, Rhode Island  
11 Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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