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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MAY 30, 2025, AS "WORLD MS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Alzate, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Diaz, Tanzi, Cortvriend, and Fellela
Date Introduced: May 29, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous
2 system, affecting 2.9 million people worldwide, approximately one million people in the United
3 States and 2,319 adults in the State of Rhode Island; and
4 WHEREAS, According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the disease generally
5 strikes people in the prime of life, between the ages of 20 through 50. The cause and course of the
6 often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and
7 WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for 79 years to
8 a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and
9 WHEREAS, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force
10 of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more
11 than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and
12 WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel \$50.2
13 million dollars of funding for more than 380 research projects at the best medical centers,
14 universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad, leading to many
15 breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and
16 WHEREAS, Stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost, and ending MS
17 forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and
18 Rhode Islanders should support; now, therefore be it
19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby

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

4 RESOLVED, That this House hereby recognizes May 30, 2025, as “World MS Day” in
5 the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Peter Porrino, Chairman of the Board,
8 National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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