
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of finding the cause and cure for
2 multiple sclerosis; expressing appreciation to the
3 Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis
4 Society for their work; and recognizing the week of March 3
5 through 9, 2014, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in
6 Pennsylvania.

7 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the
8 central nervous system, affecting an estimated 400,000
9 Americans, and nearly 200 new cases of multiple sclerosis are
10 being diagnosed each week nationwide; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple
12 Sclerosis Society (NMSS) report that in this Commonwealth more
13 than 19,000 people are affected by this devastating disease, the
14 fifth highest incident rate in the country; and

15 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults 20
16 through 50 years of age, attacking them in the prime of their
17 lives, and some of these young adults diagnosed with multiple
18 sclerosis experience tremendous suffering and pain, leading to
19 total paralysis in some cases, and the cause and cure for this

1 debilitating disease remain unknown; and

2 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple
3 Sclerosis Society have been committed throughout the years to
4 heightening public knowledge and insight about this devastating
5 and crippling disease, and the chapters are currently planning
6 several major Statewide fundraisers and educational programs and
7 are providing direct services in order to raise awareness about
8 the effects of multiple sclerosis; and

9 WHEREAS, Finding the cause and developing a method of
10 prevention for multiple sclerosis is an important task that all
11 citizens of this Commonwealth should support; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the importance of finding
13 the cause and cure for multiple sclerosis, a terribly perplexing
14 and painful disease which affects hundreds of thousands of
15 Americans, including many citizens of this Commonwealth; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate express its appreciation and
18 admiration for the major work that the National Multiple
19 Sclerosis Society has done over the years to heighten the
20 public's knowledge and insight about this debilitating disease;
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of March 3
23 through 9, 2014, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in
24 Pennsylvania and encourage the citizens of this great State to
25 join in the fight to end this devastating disease.