

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of finding the cause and a 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 5
5 through 11, 2017, 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 2.3 million
9 people; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple
11 Sclerosis Society report that in this Commonwealth more than
12 24,000 people are affected by this devastating disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults 20
14 through 50 years of age, attacking them in the prime of their
15 lives, and the cause and cure for this debilitating disease
16 remain unknown; and

17 WHEREAS, For more than 70 years, the National Multiple

1 Sclerosis Society has been committed to heightening public
2 knowledge and insight about this devastating and crippling
3 disease and ultimately finding a cure; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society
5 has been a driving force of multiple sclerosis research,
6 relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure by
7 investing more than \$900 million in groundbreaking research; and

8 WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis
9 Society fuel \$42.1 million in funding for 380 research projects
10 at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions
11 throughout the United States and abroad, which has lead to many
12 breakthroughs in the treatment of multiple sclerosis; and

13 WHEREAS, Finding the cause and developing a method of
14 prevention for multiple sclerosis is an important task that all
15 Pennsylvanians should support; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
17 importance of finding the cause and a cure for multiple
18 sclerosis, a terribly perplexing and painful disease which
19 affects hundreds of thousands of Americans, including many
20 Pennsylvanians; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
22 appreciation and admiration for the major work that the National
23 Multiple Sclerosis Society has done over the years to heighten
24 the public's knowledge and insight about this debilitating
25 disease; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
27 week of March 5 through 11, 2017, as "Multiple Sclerosis
28 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania and encourage the residents of
29 this great State to join in the fight to end this devastating
30 disease.