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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2007 as "Multiple Sclerosis  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In its mission to end the devastating effects of  
4 multiple sclerosis (MS) since its founding in 1946, the National  
5 Multiple Sclerosis Society funds more research, provides more  
6 services for people with MS, offers more professional education  
7 programs and furthers more MS advocacy efforts than any other MS  
8 organization in the world; and

9 WHEREAS, MS is a chronic and disabling disease of the central  
10 nervous system in which the progression, severity and specific  
11 symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

12 WHEREAS, Every hour of every day someone new is diagnosed  
13 with MS, a disease that can erode a person's abilities and  
14 hopes, halt a career and unravel the fabric of families; and

15 WHEREAS, Relying on the support of caring individuals,  
16 businesses and foundations, the National MS Society strives to

1 improve the lives of more than 400,000 people nationwide, more  
2 than 19,000 of whom make their home in Pennsylvania; and

3 WHEREAS, For 61 years, the National MS Society has provided  
4 hope and help for Pennsylvanians with MS, hope through extensive  
5 and promising national, international and local research  
6 programs and help through client programs, which make daily life  
7 better for people with MS and their families; and

8 WHEREAS, The goal of every National MS Society program is the  
9 self-empowerment of the person living with MS; and

10 WHEREAS, Since 1946 the National MS Society has invested 460  
11 million dollars to find the cure for MS; and

12 WHEREAS, This investment is paying off in significant  
13 advances in treating MS, such as new medications, which may  
14 reduce or delay future disability for people with MS; and

15 WHEREAS, While research advances have brought us closer to  
16 finding the cure, much remains to be done, and services must  
17 continue to be provided to persons living with MS; and

18 WHEREAS, The National MS Society is driven to serve the  
19 constantly changing needs of persons with MS and their families  
20 by extending essential services to all who need them; therefore  
21 be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2007  
23 as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in  
24 recognition of 61 years that the National Multiple Sclerosis  
25 Society has served people with multiple sclerosis.