

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 30, 2013 AS "MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DAY IN THE
3 SENATE" AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE MARCH 11, 2013
4 THROUGH MARCH 17, 2013 AS "MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK"
5 IN NEW MEXICO.

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7 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often
8 disabling, disease of the central nervous system that
9 interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the
10 body and can stop people from moving; and

11 WHEREAS, every hour, someone in the United States is
12 newly diagnosed with multiple sclerosis; and

13 WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society of
14 New Mexico reports that more than two thousand nine hundred
15 people are living with multiple sclerosis in New Mexico and
16 that more than four hundred thousand people are affected
17 nationwide; and

18 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis generally strikes adults
19 between the ages of twenty and fifty, attacking them in the
20 prime of their lives; and

21 WHEREAS, symptoms range from numbness and tingling to
22 blindness and paralysis, and the progress, severity and
23 specific symptoms of the disease in any one person cannot yet
24 be predicted; and

25 WHEREAS, advances in research and treatment of multiple

1 sclerosis are moving the nation and the world closer to a
2 world free of multiple sclerosis; and

3 WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society of
4 New Mexico has, for many years, been committed to mobilizing
5 people statewide who advocate on behalf of individuals
6 affected by this illness and is currently planning several
7 major statewide fundraisers and educational programs to raise
8 awareness about multiple sclerosis; and

9 WHEREAS, "Walk MS" and "Bike MS" are two such events
10 that are scheduled to be held this year in locations
11 throughout the state; and

12 WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society of
13 New Mexico devotes programs and services to enhance the lives
14 of those with multiple sclerosis and invests in research
15 toward identifying a cause and a cure;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 30, 2013 be declared
18 "Multiple Sclerosis Day in the Senate"; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
20 declare March 11, 2013 through March 17, 2013 as "Multiple
21 Sclerosis Awareness Week" in New Mexico; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the governor and the regional executive vice
24 president of the national multiple sclerosis society of
25 New Mexico.
