

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2018 "MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DAY IN THE  
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES" AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO  
4 DECLARE MARCH 11, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 17, 2018 "MULTIPLE  
5 SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK" 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 New  
14 Mexico reports that more than two thousand nine hundred  
15 people are living with multiple sclerosis in New Mexico and  
16 that more than two million three hundred thousand people are  
17 affected worldwide; 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 New  
4 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 New  
13 Mexico devotes programs and services to enhance the lives of  
14 those with multiple sclerosis and invests in research toward  
15 identifying a cause and a cure;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,  
18 2018 be declared "Multiple Sclerosis Day in the House of  
19 Representatives"; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to  
21 declare March 11, 2018 through March 17, 2018 "Multiple  
22 Sclerosis Awareness Week" in New Mexico; and

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

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