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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 18, 2019 "MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting two million three hundred thousand people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society, south central chapter, reports that in New Mexico more than three thousand people are living with multiple sclerosis, and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between the ages of twenty and fifty, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of multiple sclerosis remain unknown, and no cure currently exists; and

WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society has been committed for seventy-three years to a world free of multiple sclerosis, heightening public knowledge about, and insight into, the disease; and

WHEREAS, since 1946, the national multiple sclerosis society has been a driving force of multiple sclerosis research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure and has invested more than one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, funds raised through the national multiple sclerosis society fuel thirty-four million dollars

1 (\$34,000,000) in research, funding three hundred twenty
2 research projects at the best medical centers, universities
3 and other institutions throughout the United States and
4 abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of
5 multiple sclerosis; and

6 WHEREAS, stopping multiple sclerosis in its tracks,
7 restoring what has been lost and ending multiple sclerosis
8 forever are the goals of the national multiple sclerosis
9 society, goals that all Americans and New Mexicans should
10 support; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico recognizes the importance of finding
12 the cause and cure of multiple sclerosis and is appreciative
13 of the dedication that the national multiple sclerosis
14 society, south central chapter, has shown toward creating a
15 world free of multiple sclerosis;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 18,
18 2019 be declared "Multiple Sclerosis Day" in the house of
19 representatives; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be
21 encouraged to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what
22 can be done to support individuals with multiple sclerosis
23 and their families; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the national multiple sclerosis society, south

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