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SENATE MEMORIAL 1

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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1           WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis generally strikes adults  
2 between the ages of twenty and fifty, attacking them in the  
3 prime of their lives; and

4           WHEREAS, symptoms range from numbness and tingling to  
5 blindness and paralysis, and the progress, severity and  
6 specific symptoms of the disease in any one person cannot yet  
7 be predicted; and

8           WHEREAS, advances in research and treatment of multiple  
9 sclerosis are moving the nation and the world closer to a world  
10 free of multiple sclerosis; and

11           WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society of New  
12 Mexico has, for many years, been committed to mobilizing people  
13 statewide who advocate on behalf of individuals affected by  
14 this illness and is currently planning several major statewide  
15 fundraisers and educational programs to raise awareness about  
16 multiple sclerosis; and

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

20           WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society of New  
21 Mexico devotes programs and services to enhance the lives of  
22 those with multiple sclerosis and invests in research toward  
23 identifying a cause and a cure;

24           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
25 OF NEW MEXICO that January 30, 2013 be declared "Multiple

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1 Sclerosis Day in the Senate"; and

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

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the governor and the regional executive vice  
7 president of the national multiple sclerosis society of New  
8 Mexico.

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