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HOUSE MEMORIAL 66

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2018 "MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DAY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES" AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE MARCH 11, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 17, 2018 "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 two million three hundred thousand people are affected

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1 worldwide; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,
2 2018 be declared "Multiple Sclerosis Day in the House of
3 Representatives"; and

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

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