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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting nearly one million people in the United States alone; and

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WHEREAS, MS generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50; the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown, and no cure currently exists; and

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WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to a world free of MS and is working to heighten public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

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WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has transformed what it means to live with MS and has provided global leadership to help achieve its vision of a world free of MS; and

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WHEREAS, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments, and a cure, and has invested more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and

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WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple

1 Sclerosis Society fuel research on pathways to MS cures and
2 invest in the MS research workforce at the best medical
3 centers, universities, and other institutions throughout the
4 U.S. and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the
5 treatment of MS; and

6 WHEREAS, The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis
7 Society is to cure MS while empowering people affected by MS to
8 live their best lives and is an effort that all Americans and
9 Illinoisans should support; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare March
12 10-16, 2024 as "MS Awareness Week" in the State of Illinois and
13 encourage all Illinoisans to learn more about multiple
14 sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS
15 and their families; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we recognize the importance of finding the
17 cause and cure of MS and express our appreciation for the
18 dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has
19 shown toward creating a world free of MS; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as a
22 symbol of our respect and esteem.