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SENATE MEMORIAL 22

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 9, 2011 AS "MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DAY IN THE SENATE" AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE MARCH 14, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 20, 2011 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 Rio Grande chapter of the national multiple sclerosis society reports that more than two thousand five hundred people are living with multiple sclerosis in New Mexico, and more than four hundred thousand people are affected

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1 nationwide; 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 Rio Grande chapter of the national multiple  
13 sclerosis society has for many years been committed to  
14 mobilizing people statewide who advocate on behalf of  
15 individuals affected by this illness, and is currently planning  
16 several major statewide fundraisers and educational programs to  
17 raise awareness about 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 Rio Grande chapter of the national multiple  
22 sclerosis society devotes programs and services to enhancing  
23 the lives of those with multiple sclerosis and invests in  
24 research toward identifying a cause and a cure;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2011 be declared "Multiple  
2 Sclerosis Day in the Senate"; and

3 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to  
4 declare March 14, 2011 through March 20, 2011 as "Multiple  
5 Sclerosis Awareness Week" in New Mexico; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the regional executive vice president of the Rio  
8 Grande chapter of the national multiple sclerosis society.