

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2014 AS "MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DAY IN THE HOUSE" AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE MARCH 3, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 9, 2014 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 two million three hundred thousand people are affected worldwide; and

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

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

WHEREAS, advances in research and treatment of multiple

sclerosis are moving the nation and the world closer to a world free of multiple sclerosis; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29, 2014 be declared "Multiple Sclerosis Day in the House"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to declare March 3, 2014 through March 9, 2014 as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in New Mexico; and

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