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HOUSE MEMORIAL 43

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 18, 2019 "MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting two million three hundred thousand people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society, south central chapter, reports that in New Mexico more than three thousand people are living with multiple sclerosis, and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between the ages of twenty and fifty, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of multiple sclerosis remain unknown, and no cure currently exists; and

WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society has been committed for seventy-three years to a world free of multiple

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1 sclerosis, heightening public knowledge about, and insight
2 into, the disease; and

3 WHEREAS, since 1946, the national multiple sclerosis
4 society has been a driving force of multiple sclerosis
5 research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a
6 cure and has invested more than one billion dollars
7 (\$1,000,000,000) in groundbreaking research; and

8 WHEREAS, funds raised through the national multiple
9 sclerosis society fuel thirty-four million dollars
10 (\$34,000,000) in research, funding three hundred twenty
11 research projects at the best medical centers, universities and
12 other institutions throughout the United States and abroad,
13 leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of multiple
14 sclerosis; and

15 WHEREAS, stopping multiple sclerosis in its tracks,
16 restoring what has been lost and ending multiple sclerosis
17 forever are the goals of the national multiple sclerosis
18 society, goals that all Americans and New Mexicans should
19 support; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico recognizes the importance of finding
21 the cause and cure of multiple sclerosis and is appreciative of
22 the dedication that the national multiple sclerosis society,
23 south central chapter, has shown toward creating a world free
24 of multiple sclerosis;

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

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 18,
2 2019 be declared "Multiple Sclerosis Day" in the house of
3 representatives; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be encouraged
5 to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what can be done to
6 support individuals with multiple sclerosis and their families;
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the national multiple sclerosis society, south
10 central chapter.