

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 9, 2011 AS "MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DAY IN THE
3 SENATE" AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE MARCH 14, 2011
4 THROUGH MARCH 20, 2011 AS "MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK"
5 IN NEW MEXICO.

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7 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often
8 disabling, disease of the central nervous system that
9 interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the
10 body and can stop people from moving; and

11 WHEREAS, every hour, someone in the United States is
12 newly diagnosed with multiple sclerosis; and

13 WHEREAS, the Rio Grande chapter of the national multiple
14 sclerosis society reports that more than two thousand five
15 hundred people are living with multiple sclerosis in New
16 Mexico, and more than four hundred thousand people are
17 affected nationwide; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, advances in research and treatment of multiple

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

3 WHEREAS, the Rio Grande chapter of the national multiple
4 sclerosis society has for many years been committed to
5 mobilizing people statewide who advocate on behalf of
6 individuals affected by this illness, and is currently
7 planning several major statewide fundraisers and educational
8 programs to raise awareness about multiple sclerosis; and

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

12 WHEREAS, the Rio Grande chapter of the national multiple
13 sclerosis society devotes programs and services to enhancing
14 the lives of those with multiple sclerosis and invests in
15 research toward identifying a cause and a cure;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2011 be declared
18 "Multiple Sclerosis Day in the Senate"; and

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

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the regional executive vice president of the
24 Rio Grande chapter of the national multiple sclerosis
25 society. _____