

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 26, 2016 AS "MS DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE AND
3 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM MARCH 7 THROUGH MARCH 13,
4 2016 MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK IN NEW MEXICO.

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6 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of
7 information between the brain and the body and stops people
8 from moving; and

9 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable and
10 often disabling disease of the central nervous system, and
11 every hour in the United States, someone is newly diagnosed;
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13 WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society's New
14 Mexico chapter reports that, in New Mexico, more than two
15 thousand nine hundred people are living with this disease;
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17 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis generally strikes young
18 adults between the ages of twenty and fifty, attacking them
19 in the prime of their lives, affecting more than four hundred
20 thousand people nationwide, and more than two million three
21 hundred thousand people are affected worldwide; and

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

1 advances in research and treatment are bringing the world
2 closer to being free of multiple sclerosis; and

3 WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society's New
4 Mexico chapter has been committed throughout the years to
5 mobilizing people statewide who advocate on behalf of people
6 affected by this illness and is planning several major
7 statewide fundraisers and educational programs to raise
8 multiple sclerosis awareness; and

9 WHEREAS, "walk MS" and "bike MS" events are scheduled
10 this year throughout New Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society's New
12 Mexico chapter devotes programs and services to enhancing the
13 lives of those with multiple sclerosis and invests in
14 research toward finding a cause and a cure;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 26, 2016 be declared "MS
17 Day" at the legislature and that the governor be requested to
18 proclaim March 7 through March 13, 2016 as multiple sclerosis
19 awareness week in New Mexico; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the New Mexico chapter of the multiple
22 sclerosis society and to the governor.