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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 6

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

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

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

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable and often
disabling disease of the central nervous system, and every hour
in the United States, someone is newly diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society's New
Mexico chapter reports that, in New Mexico, more than two
thousand nine hundred people are living with this disease; and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults
between the ages of twenty and fifty, attacking them in the

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1 prime of their lives, affecting more than four hundred thousand
2 people nationwide, and more than two million three hundred
3 thousand people are affected worldwide; and

4 WHEREAS, symptoms of multiple sclerosis range from
5 numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis; and the
6 progress, severity and specific symptoms of multiple sclerosis
7 in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in
8 research and treatment are bringing the world closer to being
9 free of multiple sclerosis; and

10 WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society's New
11 Mexico chapter has been committed throughout the years to
12 mobilizing people statewide who advocate on behalf of people
13 affected by this illness and is planning several major
14 statewide fundraisers and educational programs to raise
15 multiple sclerosis awareness; and

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

18 WHEREAS, the national multiple sclerosis society's New
19 Mexico chapter devotes programs and services to enhancing the
20 lives of those with multiple sclerosis and invests in research
21 toward finding a cause and a cure;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 26, 2016 be declared "MS Day"
24 at the legislature and that the governor be requested to
25 proclaim March 7 through March 13, 2016 as multiple sclerosis

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1 awareness week in New Mexico; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the New Mexico chapter of the multiple sclerosis
4 society and to the governor.

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