

By Senator Bean

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 6, 2017, as "National Multiple Sclerosis Society Florida State Action Day at the Capitol" and encouraging efforts to inform the residents of this state about multiple sclerosis.

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system that affects 2.3 million people worldwide, and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that most people with multiple sclerosis are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50 years; that the effects, progression, severity, and specific symptoms are unpredictable and cannot be foreseen; and that the cause of and cure for this often debilitating disease remain unknown, and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to a world free of MS by heightening public knowledge of the disease, and

WHEREAS, since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment, and a cure, and more than \$900 million has been invested in groundbreaking research, and

WHEREAS, funds raised by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for research, which total \$50.2 million annually worldwide, fuel the efforts of nearly 380 research projects at the best medical centers, universities, and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad, and

WHEREAS, discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing persons in future generations from being diagnosed

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30 with MS is an important mission that all Americans should  
31 support, and

32 WHEREAS, the Florida Senate recognizes the importance of  
33 finding the cause of and cure for MS and expresses its support  
34 and appreciation for the endeavors of the National Multiple  
35 Sclerosis Society to ensure a future free of multiple sclerosis,  
36 NOW, THEREFORE,

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38 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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40 That April 6, 2017, is recognized as "National Multiple  
41 Sclerosis Society Florida State Action Day at the Capitol" and  
42 that efforts to inform the residents of this state about  
43 multiple sclerosis are encouraged.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
45 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to the National  
46 Multiple Sclerosis Society as a tangible token of the sentiments  
47 of the Florida Senate.