

HR 8059

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## House Resolution

A resolution designating April 6, 2017, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day."

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease of the central nervous system which disrupts the flow of information within the brain and between the brain and body, and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2,300,000 individuals worldwide who have been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is commonly diagnosed in people between the ages of 20 and 50 and causes a wide variety of effects, of which the progression, severity, and specific symptoms cannot be predicted, and

WHEREAS, the exact cause of multiple sclerosis is unknown and there is currently no cure, and

WHEREAS, established in 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to combating multiple sclerosis by promoting awareness about the disease and by promoting new education programs, supporting research, and expanding access to medical treatment, and

WHEREAS, discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis is an important task that all Floridians should support, NOW, THEREFORE,

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26 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
27 | Florida:

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29 |       That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

30 |       (1) Designates April 6, 2017, as "Multiple Sclerosis  
31 | Awareness Day."

32 |       (2) Commends the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's  
33 | commitment to combating multiple sclerosis by promoting new  
34 | education programs, supporting research, and expanding access to  
35 | medical treatment.

36 |       (3) Encourages all Floridians to learn more about multiple  
37 | sclerosis and what can be done to support individuals with  
38 | multiple sclerosis and their families.

39 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
40 | presented to Cynthia Zagieboylo, president and chief executive  
41 | officer of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, as a  
42 | tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.