

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

Reps. Outman, Alexander, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Glanville, Greene, Johnsen, Longjohn, MacDonell, Paiz, Rheingans, Rogers and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 9-15, 2025, as Multiple
2 Sclerosis Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of
4 the central nervous system, affecting nearly one million people in
5 the United States alone; and

6 Whereas, MS generally strikes people in the prime of life,
7 between ages 20 through 50, and the cause and course of the often
8 debilitating symptoms remain unknown and no cure currently exists;
9 and

10 Whereas, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed
11 to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and
12 insight into the disease; and

1 Whereas, The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis
2 Society is to cure MS while empowering people affected by MS to
3 live their best lives, one that all Americans and Michiganders
4 should support; and

5 Whereas, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society
6 has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing
7 prevention, treatments, and a cure, and has invested more than \$1
8 billion in groundbreaking research; and

9 Whereas, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis
10 Society fuels research on pathways to MS cures and invests in the
11 MS research workforce at the best medical centers, universities,
12 and other institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad, leading to
13 many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

14 Whereas, Together we have transformed what it means to live
15 with MS and provided global leadership to help achieve our vision
16 of a world free of MS; and

17 Whereas, Eighteen in-person MS support groups led by Michigan
18 MS leaders and supported by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society
19 create collaborative community and support for all Michiganders
20 impacted by MS; and

21 Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the importance of
22 finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its appreciation for
23 the dedication that the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple
24 Sclerosis Society has shown toward creating a world free of MS;
25 now, therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
27 this legislative body declare March 9-15, 2025, as Multiple
28 Sclerosis Awareness Week in the state of Michigan; and be it
29 further

1 Resolved, That we commend this observance for all Michiganders
2 and encourage citizens to learn more about MS and what they can do
3 to support individuals with MS and their families.