

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

Rep. Outman 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

13 Whereas, The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis
14 Society is to cure MS while empowering people affected by MS to

live their best lives, one that all Americans and Michiganders should support; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That we commend this observance for all Michiganders and encourage citizens to learn more about MS and what they can do

1 to support individuals with MS and their families.