

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1709

A RESOLUTION designating February 10, 2015, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis (MS) interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and stops people from moving. It is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, and every hour someone is newly diagnosed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Mid America Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that MS affects an estimated 2.5 million people worldwide, 400,000 nationwide and over 4,600 Kansans; and

WHEREAS, Often first diagnosed in individuals aged 20 to 50, attacking them in the prime of their lives, MS is the most common neurological disease leading to disability in young adults; and

WHEREAS, The symptoms of MS range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS; and

WHEREAS, The Mid America Chapter of the National MS Society has been committed to mobilize people throughout Kansas who want to assist those afflicted with MS; and

WHEREAS, "Walk MS" events are scheduled this spring in Kansas City, Hays, Hiawatha, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Manhattan, Neodesha, Salina, Topeka and Wichita; and

WHEREAS, On February 10, 2015, the National MS Society will sponsor MS Awareness Day at the Kansas State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to mobilize people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we declare February 10, 2015, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day at the Capitol to raise awareness for this disease that has no known cause and no known cure. We recognize the importance of moving closer to a world free of multiple sclerosis and express appreciation to the Mid America Chapter of the National MS Society for its work.

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Kerschen.

Senate Resolution No. 1709 was sponsored by Senators Dan Kerschen and Vicki Schmidt.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*