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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS MONTH IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (referred to in this resolution as “MS”) is a chronic and unpredictable disease
2 affecting the nervous system; and

3 WHEREAS, symptoms of MS range from numbness and tingling in the extremities to blindness, paralysis, and
4 cognitive dysfunction; and

5 WHEREAS, the progress, severity, and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted; and

6 WHEREAS, there is no laboratory test available that can definitively diagnose MS; and

7 WHEREAS, most people with MS experience their first symptoms and are diagnosed between the ages of 15 and
8 50, although individuals of any age may be diagnosed; and

9 WHEREAS, an estimated 2.3 million people worldwide are affected by MS; and

10 WHEREAS, female individuals have a higher MS burden than male individuals; and

11 WHEREAS, while MS is not directly inherited, studies show that there are genetic and, probably, environmental
12 factors that make certain individuals, more predisposed; and

13 WHEREAS, the exact cause of MS is still unknown and there is no cure; and

14 WHEREAS, education is a continuing need among everyone involved with MS, from medical professionals to
15 patients, family, and friends; and

16 WHEREAS, The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America recognizes March as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness
17 Month; and

18 WHEREAS, the goals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month are to acknowledge those who have been diagnosed
19 with MS, invite people to join the movement to end MS, encourage everyone to educate themselves on the discourse and
20 research surrounding MS, and to recognize those who have dedicated their time and talent to help promote MS research and
21 programs.

22 NOW, THEREFORE:

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
24 Senate concurring therein, that March 2024 is hereby designated as “Multiple Sclerosis Month,” and the State Legislature
25 calls upon Delawareans to observe this month by learning about Multiple Sclerosis and supporting individuals who have
26 been medically diagnosed with MS.

SYNOPSIS

This House Concurrent Resolution recognizes the month of March 2024 as “Multiple Sclerosis Month” in the State of Delaware.