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MS awareness week

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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2036**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MARCH 12-18, 2023 AS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK IN ARIZONA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1           Whereas, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the  
2 central nervous system, affecting nearly 1,000,000 people in the United  
3 States alone; and

4           Whereas, MS generally strikes people in the prime of life between  
5 ages 20 through 50. The cause and course of the often-debilitating  
6 symptoms of MS remain unknown, and no cure currently exists; and

7           Whereas, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to a  
8 world free of MS and works to heighten public knowledge about and insight  
9 into the disease; and

10           Whereas, the dedicated staff and volunteers of the National Multiple  
11 Sclerosis Society, in conjunction with members of the medical community,  
12 have transformed what it means to live with MS and provided global  
13 leadership to help achieve our vision of a world free of MS; and

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

18           Whereas, monies raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis  
19 Society fuel research on pathways to MS cures and invest in the MS  
20 research workforce at the best medical centers and universities and other  
21 institutions throughout the United States and abroad, leading to many  
22 breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

23           Whereas, the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society—to  
24 cure MS while empowering people affected by MS to live their best lives—is  
25 one that all Americans and Arizonans should support; and

26           Whereas, the State of Arizona recognizes the importance of finding  
27 the cause of and cure for MS and the dedication that the National Multiple  
28 Sclerosis Society, Arizona-New Mexico chapter, has shown toward creating a  
29 world free of MS.

30 Therefore

31 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
32 the Senate concurring:

33           That the Members of the Legislature proclaim March 12-18, 2023 as MS  
34 Awareness Week in Arizona and encourage all Arizonans to learn more about  
35 multiple sclerosis and how they can support individuals with MS and their  
36 families.