

Rep. Sheppard offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 239.

A resolution to declare March 2016 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in the state of Michigan

Whereas, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting more than 2.3 million people worldwide, and of which the cause is still unknown; and

Whereas, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed to creating a world free of MS, increasing public awareness about the disease while mobilizing people and resources so that everyone affected by MS can live their best lives as we stop MS in its tracks, restore what has been lost and end MS forever; and

Whereas, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment, and a cure and has invested more than 920 million dollars in groundbreaking research; and

Whereas, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the efforts of more than 380 research projects globally, totaling nearly 54 million dollars annually at the best medical centers, universities, and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad. Because of this, MS research has never been more hopeful than it is today; and

Whereas, Discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Americans and Michiganders should support; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS, a chronic and often devastating disease, and expresses its appreciation and admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown toward a future free of MS; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2016 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this legislative body encourage all Michiganders to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.