



**WHEREAS**, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting nearly 1 million people in the United States alone; and

**WHEREAS**, Multiple Sclerosis generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for 79 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of Multiple Sclerosis 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 fuel nearly \$40 million investing in 123 new research projects at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of Multiple Sclerosis; and

**WHEREAS**, stopping Multiple Sclerosis in its tracks, restoring what has been lost, and ending Multiple Sclerosis forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans should support; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockville recognizes the importance of finding a cause and cure for Multiple Sclerosis and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown toward creating a world free of Multiple Sclerosis;

**NOW, THEREFORE** the Mayor and Council, do hereby proclaim and recognize **March 9-15 2025**, as **Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week**, and we encourage all Rockville residents to learn more about Multiple Sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with Multiple Sclerosis and their families.



  
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**March 3, 2025**