

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 10

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Simpson, Sparks,
Stanislowski, Sykes, Treat,
Wilson and Wyrick of the
Senate

and

McDaniel (Jeannie) of the
House

16 A Concurrent Resolution recognizing the importance of
17 research for multiple sclerosis; encouraging support
18 for efforts to find the cause of and prevention for
19 multiple sclerosis; expressing appreciation for the
National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Oklahoma;
proclaiming March 2011 as Multiple Sclerosis
Awareness Month; and directing distribution.

22 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of
23 the central nervous system affecting an estimated 400,000 Americans
24 across the country. Nationwide, nearly two hundred (200) new cases

1 of multiple sclerosis are diagnosed each week. Multiple sclerosis
2 generally strikes young adults twenty (20) through forty (40) years
3 of age, but can begin in childhood and attack children in the prime
4 of their lives, leading to suffering and pain and total paralysis in
5 some cases. The cause and cure for this debilitating disease remain
6 unknown; and

7 WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Oklahoma
8 reports that, in Oklahoma, more than 24,000 people are affected
9 directly or indirectly by this devastating disease. The National
10 Multiple Sclerosis Society - Oklahoma has been committed throughout
11 the years to heighten public knowledge and insight about this
12 devastating and sometimes crippling disease; and

13 WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Oklahoma
14 annually plans major statewide fundraisers and educational programs
15 to raise awareness, provide services, and support research efforts
16 in Oklahoma. MS Walks are scheduled this year in Lawton on April 9,
17 in Tulsa on April 16, in Oklahoma City on April 30, and in Ardmore
18 on May 21. "Bike MS: The Mother Road Ride" will start in Tulsa on
19 September 17 and culminate in Oklahoma City on September 18. In
20 2010, Oklahomans raised more than One and One-half Million Dollars
21 (\$1,500,000.00) to fund research and the programs and services
22 provided by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Oklahoma.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
2 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the importance of
5 research in finding the cause and cure for multiple sclerosis, a
6 terribly perplexing and painful disease which affects thousands of
7 Oklahomans.

8 THAT finding the cause of and developing a method of prevention
9 for multiple sclerosis are important tasks that all Americans and
10 Oklahomans should support.

11 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature expresses its appreciation and
12 admiration for the work that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society
13 - Oklahoma has done over the years to heighten the public's
14 knowledge and insight about multiple sclerosis and their long
15 history of serving and advocating on behalf of Oklahoma citizens who
16 live daily with this debilitating disease.

17 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature proclaims March 2011 as Multiple
18 Sclerosis Awareness Month in the state of Oklahoma and encourages
19 the citizens of this great state to join in the fight to stop this
20 disease.

21 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President
22 of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Oklahoma.

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