

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6008

A RESOLUTION designating February 7, 2017, as Multiple Sclerosis Action Day
at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system affecting 2.3 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society — Mid America Chapter reports that nearly 5,000 people are living with MS in Kansas, that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between the ages of 20 and 50, that the cause and course of the often-debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and that no cure currently exists; and

WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed to creating a world free of MS for more than 70 years by heightening public knowledge, awareness and insight into the disease; and

WHEREAS, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research by investing more than \$900 million into groundbreaking research, and relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure for the disease; and

WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel \$42.1 million in funding for 380 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 MS; and

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

WHEREAS, Walk MS events are scheduled this spring in Kansas City, Hays, Hiawatha, Lawrence, Manhattan, Salina, Topeka and Wichita; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society — Mid America Chapter has shown toward creating a world free of MS: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That we designate February 7, 2017, as Multiple Sclerosis Action Day at the Capitol, commend this observance to all of our citizens, and encourage all Kansans to learn more about MS and what they can do to support individuals and their families who struggle with MS.

House Resolution No. 6008 was sponsored by Representative Daniel Hawkins.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.