

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1761

A RESOLUTION designating February 9, 2016, as Kansas MS Action Day; recognizing the importance of moving closer to a world free of multiple sclerosis; and expressing appreciation to the Mid America Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for its work.

WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain and between the brain and body, with symptoms ranging from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis; and

WHEREAS, The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are leading to a better understanding and moving us closer to a world free of MS; and

WHEREAS, Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 2.3 million people worldwide, including 400,000 Americans and over 4,600 Kansans; and

WHEREAS, The Mid America Chapter of the National MS Society is committed to mobilizing the voices of people throughout Kansas who want to do something about MS now; and

WHEREAS, To fulfill this mission, the Society funds cutting-edge research, drives change through advocacy, facilitates professional education, collaborates with MS organizations around the world and provides services designed to help people with MS and their families move their lives forward; and

WHEREAS, Last year alone, through a comprehensive nationwide network, the Society devoted \$122.2 million to help more than one million individuals connect to the people, information and resources they need. To move closer to a world free of MS, the Society also invested \$54 million to support more than 380 new and ongoing research projects around the world; and

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

WHEREAS, On February 9, 2016, the National MS Society will sponsor MS Action Day at the Kansas State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to mobilize people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we declare February 9, 2016, as Kansas MS Action Day to raise awareness for this disease that has no known cause and no known cure. We recognize the importance of moving closer to a world free of multiple sclerosis and express appreciation to the Mid America Chapter of the National MS Society for its work.

Senate Resolution No. 1761 was sponsored by Senators Kerschen, Bowers, Donovan, Hawk, Kelly, McGinn, O'Donnell, V. Schmidt, Tyson, Wilborn and Wolf.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.