

No. R-384. House concurrent resolution designating March 12–18 as multiple sclerosis week in Vermont.

(H.C.R.292)

Offered by: Representatives Krebs of South Hero, Johnson of South Hero, Atkins of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jewett of Ripton, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Berlin, Lewis of Derby, Macaig of Williston, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Wolcott, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mook of Bennington, Munger of South Burlington, Stevens of Shoreham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Townsend of Randolph, Turner of Milton and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease, of the central nervous system that typically strikes in young adulthood, for which there is currently no cure, and

Whereas, multiple sclerosis affects 400,000 people nationwide, including 8,000-10,000 children and teenagers, and

Whereas, over 1,600 individuals in Vermont have multiple sclerosis, one of the highest per-capita rates in the nation, and

Whereas, there is conclusive evidence of an increased incidence of multiple sclerosis in returning veterans of the Gulf War, and

Whereas, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is a driving force for multiple sclerosis research that is directed at both establishing preventive and treatment measures and discovering a cure, and

Whereas, the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society educates, supports, and advocates for afflicted individuals and their families, assists them in maintaining the highest possible quality of

life, and encourages these individuals, as well as health professionals and other concerned citizens, to join the movement to advocate for policy change in the priority areas of quality health care, including broader and more comprehensive health insurance coverage, improved long-term care, and increased recognition of disability rights, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the week of March 12–18, 2012 as Multiple Sclerosis Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Waltham, Massachusetts.