

**No. R-97. House concurrent resolution designating March 11–17 as Multiple Sclerosis Week in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.62)

Offered by: Representatives Krebs of South Hero and Johnson of South Hero

Whereas, multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling, disease of the central nervous system that is typically diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, and

Whereas, this disease interrupts the signal between the brain and the body and can prevent persons from fully participating in certain activities, and

Whereas, over 1,600 Vermonters have multiple sclerosis, and

Whereas, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society organizes persons and resources to stimulate research and a cure and to address the challenges of those afflicted with multiple sclerosis, and

Whereas, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society encourages research and treatment aimed at halting the disease's progression, enabling multiple sclerosis victims to resume regular life activities, and ending this condition permanently, and

Whereas, the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society advocates for, educates, provides services for, and supports persons with multiple sclerosis and their families to help them maintain the highest quality of life possible, and

Whereas, another important role for the society's New England chapter is to encourage individuals with multiple sclerosis, their families, health professionals, and concerned citizens to advocate for policy changes to promote high-quality health care and improved health insurance coverage, better long term care services, and the rights of those with disabilities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 11–17 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.