
THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 85
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Introduced: 2/26/26
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution declares the week of March 8, 2026, to March 14, 2026, inclusive, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, and that the residents of the State of California are encouraged to join together in raising awareness and heightening public knowledge of this debilitating disease.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The week of March 8, 2026, to March 14, 2026, inclusive, has been declared Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week in recognition of the importance of finding the cause of, and a cure for, multiple sclerosis and to express appreciation to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.
- 2) Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease that affects an estimated 1 million people in the United States alone, with nearly 200 new cases diagnosed each week.
- 3) MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that affects more than 40,000 people in California. Most people are diagnosed with MS between 20 and 50 years of age, but an estimated 10,000 children live with MS worldwide.
- 4) The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, founded in 1946, funds more research, offers more services for people with multiple sclerosis, and provides more professional education programs than any other multiple sclerosis organization in the world.

- 5) The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to a world free of MS, raising public knowledge about the disease, and elevating the voices of those affected by it.

This resolution recognizes the importance of finding the cause of, and cure for, MS and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society—Pacific South Coast Chapter has shown toward creating a world free of MS.

Related/Prior Legislation

ACR 34 (Luz Rivas, Resolution Chapter 17, Statutes of 2021)

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 3/9/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 3/9/26)

None received

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