

House Resolution No. 6008

By Representative Hawkins

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

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

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis
20 Society fuel \$42.1 million in funding for 380 research projects at the best
21 medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the U.S.
22 and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

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

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

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

33 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
34 That we designate February 7, 2017, as Multiple Sclerosis Action Day at
35 the Capitol, commend this observance to all of our citizens, and
36 encourage all Kansans to learn more about MS and what they can do to

- 1 support individuals and their families who struggle with MS; and
- 2 Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of
- 3 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to
- 4 Representative Hawkins.