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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 5-11,  
2017 AS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, multiple sclerosis, or MS, is a neurological disease of the central nervous system affecting 2,300,000 people worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that more than 3,000 people are living with MS in the State and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between 20 and 50 years of age, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for more than 70 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more than \$900,000,000 in groundbreaking research; and

**WHEREAS**, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society provide \$42,100,000 in funding for 380 research projects at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

**WHEREAS**, stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost and ending MS forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and citizens of the State should support; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this occasion to recognize the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS, to express our appreciation for the dedication that the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown toward creating a world free of MS and to declare March 5-11, 2017 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week in the State; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.