



WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting nearly 1 million people in the United States alone; and

WHEREAS, the theme for **Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week 2026** is “**MS Unseen,**” and MS generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 and 50, and the cause of the often-debilitating symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis remains unknown, and no cure currently exists; 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 \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for 80 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel nearly \$40 million invested in 123 new research projects at the best medical centers, universities, and other institutions throughout the U.S. 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 should support; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville recognizes the importance of finding a cause and cure for MS and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown toward creating a world free of MS.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council do hereby proclaim and recognize **March 8-14, 2026**, as **Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week**, and we encourage all Rockville residents to learn more about Multiple Sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with the disease and their families.




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