

Santa Fe County Proclamation

Introduced by Commissioner Kathy Holian

TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 11- MARCH 17, 2013 AS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS), an unpredictable and often disabling disease of the central nervous system, interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body;

WHEREAS, symptoms of MS range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis; and the progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted;

WHEREAS, more than 2.1 million people are affected by MS worldwide;

WHEREAS, every hour in the United States someone is newly diagnosed with MS;

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Rio Grande Chapter reports that in our state more than 2,500 people are living with this disease, and MS generally strikes people between the ages of 20 and 50, and affects more than 400,000 people nationwide;

WHEREAS, in 2012, MS research continued to advance on many fronts, including:

- The approval of a second oral therapy for relapsing forms of MS and other emerging treatments progressing through the development pipeline;
- The launch of the International Progressive MS Collaborative, the largest effort to date to speed research to stop progressive forms of MS;
- The discovery of what could be a target of the immune attack in people with MS may lead to new understanding of the disease and new treatment strategies;
- The completion of the first human trial of an experimental therapy targeting myelin repair;
- Progress in restoring functions using innovative rehabilitation techniques, including memory enhancement using a technique involving stories and imagery to solidify learning, and improving balance and mobility with specific exercises; and
- Advances in uncovering MS triggering factors, bringing us closer to finding ways to prevent the disease; and many other advances pushing us closer to a world free of MS.

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Rio Grande Chapter has been committed throughout the years to mobilizing people statewide to advocate on behalf of people affected by MS, and is planning several major statewide fundraisers and educational programs to raise MS awareness;

WHEREAS, Walk MS and Bike MS events are scheduled this year throughout New Mexico;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County is committed to ensuring that there are programs and services in the community to enhance the lives of those with MS, and supports investment in research toward a cause and a cure of MS;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Santa Fe County Commission of Santa Fe County hereby proclaims that we recognize:

March 11- March 17, 2013 As
“Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week”

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED ON THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2013

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