

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Expressing support for the public awareness of multiple sclerosis and recognizing MS Awareness Week as March 8-14, 2010.

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous system in which the progression, severity, and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

WHEREAS, every hour of every day someone new is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a disease that can erode a person's abilities and hopes, halt a career, and unravel the fabric of families; and

WHEREAS, last year in South Dakota more than \$539,000 was raised to find a cure for multiple sclerosis and develop effective treatments for the disease, as well as provide a wide range of programs and services to improve the lives of the one thousand three hundred individuals living with multiple sclerosis in our state; and

WHEREAS, this investment is paying off in significant advances in treating multiple sclerosis, such as new medications that may reduce or delay future disability for people with multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, although research advances have brought us closer to finding the cure, much remains to be done and services must continue to be provided to those who live with the disease; and

WHEREAS, there are public and private agencies available to serve the constantly changing needs of South Dakotans with multiple sclerosis and their families by extending essential service to all who need them:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature expresses support for the public awareness of multiple sclerosis and joins in the movement in creating a world free of multiple sclerosis.

Adopted by the Senate,  
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

March 4, 2010  
March 9, 2010

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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