



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.3 Million people worldwide, and each hour someone is newly diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Greater Carolinas Chapter reports that in our state more than 13,000 people are diagnosed with MS, that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, causes unpredictable effects in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen, & the cause & cure for this often debilitating disease remain unknown; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Greater Carolinas Chapter is committed 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, treatment and a cure and has invested more than 868 million dollars in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the efforts of nearly 380 research projects globally totaling 50.6 million dollars annually at the best medical centers, universities & other institutions throughout the United States & abroad. Because of this, MS research has never been more hopeful than it is today; and

WHEREAS, discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Americans and North Carolinians should support; and

WHEREAS, Concord, NC recognizes the importance of finding the cause & cure of MS, a chronic & often devastating disease, & expresses its appreciation & admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Greater Carolinas Chapter has shown toward a future free of MS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Scott Padgett, Mayor of the City of Concord, do hereby proclaim March 2-8, 2015 as MS Awareness Week, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens. I encourage all North Carolinians to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Scott Padgett

J. Scott Padgett, Mayor

ATTEST: