

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 119

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 49

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 119, Alby. National Multiple Sclerosis Society Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 1998 as National Multiple Sclerosis Society Month.

WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis, a neurological disease of the central nervous system, is the most common disabling disease of young adults in the United States, affecting one-third of a million people nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis generally strikes young adults aged 20 through 40 years, attacking them in the prime of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Individuals with multiple sclerosis face an incredible daily challenge of learning to live with this unpredictable disease; and

WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is a disease that may rob individuals of significant physical and mental abilities, their livelihood, and their independence; and

WHEREAS, The progress, severity, and specific symptoms of multiple sclerosis cannot be foreseen; and

WHEREAS, While research advances have brought us closer to finding the cure, prevention, treatment, and cause for multiple sclerosis, much remains to be done, and services must continue to be provided to those who live with this disease; and

WHEREAS, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has provided more than \$231 million for biomedical research and fellowship grants during the past five decades, as well as a wide range of client services in the areas of health, knowledge, and independence through its 50-state network of chapters and its home office; and

WHEREAS, In its quest to end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis for over 50 years, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is the one thing persons with multiple sclerosis can count on; and

WHEREAS, Supporting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's ongoing research, service, and education programs will help it reach its goal to end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis is an important task that all Californians should support; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That in recognition of the ongoing battle against



the devastating disease of multiple sclerosis and the important work of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Legislature hereby proclaims the month of May 1998 as National Multiple Sclerosis Society Month; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the home office of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and to each chapter of the society within California.

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