

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 138

Approved March 27, 2023

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic autoimmune disease of the central nervous system, affecting over 1 million individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, MS is a disease that causes damage to the central nervous system and is characterized by unpredictable symptoms such as fatigue, numbness, weakness, cognitive impairments such as optic neuritis, and mobility challenges which often lead to significant disability; and

WHEREAS, MS Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to raise public awareness about the impact of MS on individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Increased awareness can promote understanding, support, and access to resources for those living with MS, as well as advancements in research, treatment, and quality of life initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The month of March has been designated as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month to coincide with the changing seasons, symbolizing hope and renewal for those affected by MS; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has the 2nd highest prevalence of MS across the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council recognizes the importance of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month and pledges its support in raising awareness, advocating for improved care and services for individuals living with MS, and supporting efforts to find a cure for this debilitating disease; and

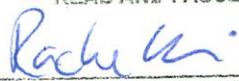
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council encourages its members and the community at large to participate in MS awareness activities, initiatives, and events throughout the month of March; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council extends its gratitude to individuals like Providence Police Officer Michael Matraccia, organizations like the MS Dream Center of Rhode Island, and healthcare professionals such as Dr. Jonathan Cahill of Lifespan, who are dedicated to supporting and empowering those affected by MS; and

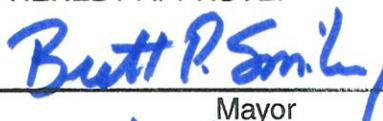
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council reaffirms its commitment to promoting awareness, understanding, and support for the MS community.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor

Date: 3/27/24