

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4016
(Senators Nelson, Schneider, Triplett)
(Representatives Conklin, Holman, D. Johnson)

A concurrent resolution expressing support for the public awareness of multiple sclerosis; declaring the week of March 14-20, 2011, "MS Awareness Week"; and urging the Congress of the United States to join in the movement in creating a world free of multiple sclerosis.

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 an individual's abilities and hopes, halt a career, and unravel the fabric of families; and

WHEREAS, last year in North Dakota more than \$700,000 was raised to find a cure for multiple sclerosis and develop effective treatments for the disease, as well as to provide a wide range of client programs to improve the lives of the 1,500 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 individuals 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 North 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 NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly in recognition of the importance of public awareness of multiple sclerosis, proclaims the week of March 14-20, 2011, "MS Awareness Week" in North Dakota and urges the Congress of the United States to join in the movement in creating a world free of multiple sclerosis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the North Dakota office of the North Central States Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State