

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system which is estimated to affect 2.3 million people worldwide; and

Whereas National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England Chapter reports that in Massachusetts more than 13,000 people are diagnosed with MS, and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and causes unpredictable effects in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

Whereas Multiple sclerosis can cause blurred vision, loss of balance, poor coordination, slurred speech, tremors, numbness, extreme fatigue and memory problems and the cause and cure for this often debilitating disease remains unknown; and

Whereas Organizations like the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England Chapter are committed to a world free of MS, as well as heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

Whereas Through public awareness, the Commonwealth seeks to educate citizens about multiple sclerosis and the impact of the disease throughout Massachusetts in order to help find a cure,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 28th 2014, to be,

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DAY

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-third day of April, in the year two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts