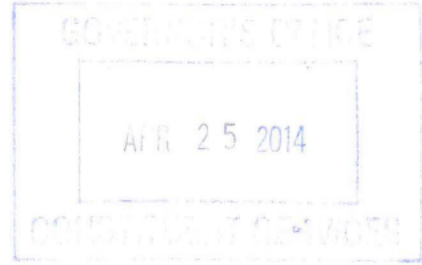


April 18, 2014

Governor Deval Patrick  
State House - Room 360  
Boston, MA 02133



Dear Governor Patrick,

May 27, 2014 has been declared "NATIONAL MS AWARENESS DAY". In an attempt to bring national attention to this disease, which has disturbed the lives of up to 3+ million people worldwide, with more than half that number in our own country, etiology unknown, cure not yet found, the almost 9,000 members of our MS group ask that you, Governor Patrick of the State of Maryland, PROCLAM May 27, 2014 "NATIONAL MS AWARENESS DAY". I have attached a copy of the Proclamation I wrote for the State of Washington, in 1989, the only real difference today is, the number of people suffering with this disease.

We ask you, Governor Patrick, to join in and acknowledge May 27, 2014 "NATIONAL MS AWARENESS DAY", so that with more direct media exposure to this disabling disease a consorted continued effort could possibly bring about a cure for all those suffering. Thomas Peters is the contact person for your State, please send Maryland's Proclamation with your Hand and Seal to:

THOMAS J. PETERS



Thank you in advance for helping to continue the movement to find a "CURE" for "MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS", by this PROCLAMATION!

My personal regards,

NORMA J. RULISON



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# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Multiple Sclerosis is among the most common acquired neurological diseases of young adults in North America; and

**WHEREAS**, the etiology of the disease remains unknown, and treatment remains incomplete and is poorly understood; and

**WHEREAS**, MS is a chronic disease in which there is a loss of muscular coordination due to damage to the central nervous system; and

**WHEREAS**, many people in our state suffer from this disease and some are able to lead normal, productive lives, but many more are affected to the point that they are no longer able to work; and

**WHEREAS**, through education and a better understanding of MS, a cure for this disabling disease may one day be found; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of June 1989 as

### *Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month*

*in the State of Washington, and I urge all citizens to join me in this observance.*



Signed, this 12th day of June, 1989

Handwritten signature of Booth Gardner.

Governor Booth Gardner