

Whereas, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting nearly one million people in the United States alone; and

Whereas, MS generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 and 50, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and

Whereas, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for 74 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

Whereas, since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and

Whereas, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel \$38.7 million investing in 123 new research projects at the best medical centers, universities, and other institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

Whereas, stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost, and ending MS forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and Washingtonians should support; and

Whereas, the State of Washington recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Greater Northwest Chapter has shown toward creating a world free of MS;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim March 8-14, 2020, to be

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to join me in this special observation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 2nd day of March, 2020.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington