

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4016

Introduced by

Senators Nelson, Schneider, Triplett

Representatives Conklin, Holman, D. Johnson

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

4 **WHEREAS**, multiple sclerosis is a chronic and disabling disease of the central nervous
5 system in which the progression, severity, and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen; and

6 **WHEREAS**, every hour of every day someone new is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis--a
7 disease that can erode an individual's abilities and hopes, halt a career, and unravel the fabric
8 of families; and

9 **WHEREAS**, last year in North Dakota more than \$700,000 was raised to find a cure for
10 multiple sclerosis and develop effective treatments for the disease, as well as to provide a wide
11 range of client programs to improve the lives of the 1,500 individuals living with multiple
12 sclerosis in our state; and

13 **WHEREAS**, this investment is paying off in significant advances in treating multiple
14 sclerosis, such as new medications that may reduce or delay future disability for individuals with
15 multiple sclerosis; and

16 **WHEREAS**, although research advances have brought us closer to finding the cure, much
17 remains to be done and services must continue to be provided to those who live with the
18 disease; and

19 **WHEREAS**, there are public and private agencies available to serve the constantly
20 changing needs of North Dakotans with multiple sclerosis and their families by extending
21 essential service to all who need them;

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
23 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

24 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly in recognition of the importance of public
25 awareness of multiple sclerosis, proclaims the week of March 14-20, 2011, "MS Awareness

- 1 Week" in North Dakota and urges the Congress of the United States to join in the movement in
- 2 creating a world free of multiple sclerosis; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
- 4 to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
- 5 Representatives, each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the North
- 6 Dakota office of the North Central States Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and
- 7 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.