



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system with symptoms ranging from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis; and

WHEREAS, Every hour someone is diagnosed with MS, which is a chronic disease of the central nervous system for which there is no cure. Multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and stops people from moving; and

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis affects over 800 citizens and their families in Fresno County and over 400,000 in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the National MS Society helps address the challenges of living with MS through a 50-state network of chapters that fund MS research, provide services to people with MS, offer professional education and further advocacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, Walk MS will raise funds to support education, advocacy, research and local programs that enhance the quality of life for people with MS and their families.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fresno do hereby support and recognize the 2010 Walk MS – Fresno on April 10, 2010 at Woodward Park as a tremendous opportunity to raise awareness about Multiple Sclerosis and move toward a cure and do further proclaim March 8 – 14, 2010 to be:

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

In the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Fresno this 4th day of March 2010.

Ashley Swearingen, Mayor

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