



City of Washington, Illinois Proclamation

Whereas, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.8 million people worldwide; and

Whereas, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Market reports that in our state over 21,000 people are living with MS, the disease generally strikes people between ages 20 through 50, and the cause and course of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and

Whereas, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for 77 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about the disease; and

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

Whereas, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel \$42.1 million, funding research projects at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in treatment; and

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

Whereas, Illinois 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 Illinois Market has shown toward creating a world free of MS;

Now, Therefore, I, MAYOR GARY MANIER, Mayor of the CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS do hereby proclaim, March 2023, as

MS Awareness Month

and do commend this observance to all our citizens. I encourage all Washingtonians to learn more about multiple sclerosis and support individuals with MS and their families.

PROCLAIMED this 20st day of February, 2023.

Gary W. Manier, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk