



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information between an individual's body and brain; and
- WHEREAS,** MS affects an estimated 2.5 million worldwide, 400,000 in the United States and over 40,000 in California; and
- WHEREAS,** often first diagnosed in individuals aged 20-50, MS is the most common neurological disease leading to disability in young adults; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Multiple Sclerosis Society addresses the challenges of each person affected by MS by funding cutting-edge research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating education, and providing programs and services designed to help people with MS and their families move forward with their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Americans, Californians, and Mercedians should support; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Merced, State of California recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS, a chronic and often devastating disease, and expresses its appreciation and admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Central Valley has shown toward a future free of MS;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE MURPHY, Mayor** of the City of Merced, do hereby proclaim March 5-11, 2017, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, and urge all citizens of Merced to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Signed this 6th day of March 2017.

Mike Murphy, Mayor of Merced