



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR**

**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 people worldwide, 400,000 in the United States and 20,000 in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, MS is the most common neurological disease leading to disability in young adults, often first diagnosed in individuals aged 20-50; and

WHEREAS, the National MS Society is an organization dedicated to funding cutting-edge research, advocating on behalf of people with the disorder, and facilitating programs and services that help those with MS and their families; and

WHEREAS, in March 2012, the National MS Society will sponsor MS Awareness Month for the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Chicago building owners will support the observance of MS Awareness month by lighting their ceilings or entryways with orange illumination:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim MARCH 2012 to be MS AWARENESS MONTH IN CHICAGO, and encourage all Chicagoans to recognize the important efforts of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to diagnose, treat, and manage this disorder.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2012.

  
Mayor