**Proclamation Declaring MS Awareness Week by Mayor**

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK 2012 BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF [city], A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and stops people from moving; is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system; and

WHEREAS, more than 400,000 people in the United States lives with MS, and every hour of every day someone is newly diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, last year in [city] more than $[number] was raised to move us closer to a world free of MS, including the development of effective treatments and a wide range of client programs to improve the lives of the [number] individuals living with MS in our city.

WHEREAS, this investment is paying off in significant advances in treating MS, such as new medications which could reduce or delay future disability for people with MS; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to ensuring that people living with MS have the information and quality care they need to live healthy, productive, and independent lives and we are relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure.

WHEREAS, we devote programs and services to enhance the lives of those with MS, in [city] and work to meet the constantly changing needs of those with MS and their families living in [city];

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [name], Mayor of the City of [city], do hereby proclaim March 12 –18, 2012, as "MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK” in [city], and commend this observance to all our citizens.