Warren County Board of Superbisors Proclamation

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.3 million people worldwide, and each hour someone is newly diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Upstate New York Chapter reports that in New York State more than 34,000 people are diagnosed with MS, and the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and causes unpredictable effects in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen, and the cause and cure for this often debilitating disease remains unknown; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Upstate New York Chapter is committed to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge and insight into the disease; and

WHEREAS, since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure and has invested more than \$771 million in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the efforts of nearly 325 research projects globally totaling \$40 million annually at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad. Because of this, MS research has never been more hopeful than it is today; and

WHEREAS, discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Americans and New Yorkers should support; and

WHEREAS, Warren County recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure for MS, a chronic and often devastating disease, and expresses its appreciation and admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society -Upstate New York Chapter has shown toward a future free of MS; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 3-9, 2014 as MS Awareness Week, and encourages all New Yorkers to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.

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Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman Warren County Board of Supervisors