

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts communication between the brain and the body, affecting nearly 1 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, people living with MS experience a wide range of symptoms, including fatigue, mobility challenges, vision impairment, numbness, cognitive changes, and chronic pain—each case unique, making MS a complex condition that impacts individuals physically, emotionally, and socially; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society leads the global MS movement in funding research, advancing treatment, supporting individuals and families, and advocating for policies that improve access to care and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, significant progress has been made in MS treatment, with more than 20 disease-modifying therapies now available, offering hope and improved outcomes for many individuals. Yet, there remains an urgent need for continued research to find a cure and to ensure people diagnosed with MS can live their best lives; and

WHEREAS, MS Awareness Week, observed from March 8–14, 2026, is an opportunity for communities to join together in raising awareness, amplifying the voices of those living with MS, and recognizing the resilience and strength of individuals affected by the disease; and

WHEREAS, during MS Awareness Week, the National MS Society and local community partners will host educational opportunities, advocacy activities, fundraising events, and awareness campaigns aimed at increasing understanding of MS and inspiring action toward ending this disease forever; and

THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim the week of March 8 to 14, 2026 as

M U L T I P L E S C L E R O S I S A W A R E N E S S W E E K

I further encourage all Salem residents to learn about MS, as well as educate themselves as to what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.

DATED this ninth day of March 2026.



*Julie Hoy
Mayor*

