

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Liiias, Hobbs, Rivers, Carlyle, Frockt, Hill, and Litzow

1 WHEREAS, Multiple System Atrophy is a fatal neurological disease  
2 diagnosed in approximately 15,000 patients in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, As many as 35,000 more patients in the United States  
4 with Multiple System Atrophy are misdiagnosed with other more  
5 recognizable neurodegenerative disorders; and

6 WHEREAS, Patients with Multiple System Atrophy lose the ability  
7 to walk, talk, chew, swallow, and even breathe over the course of a  
8 few years; and

9 WHEREAS, The incidence of Multiple System Atrophy in the United  
10 States has increased in recent years; and

11 WHEREAS, No specific risk factors or causes of Multiple System  
12 Atrophy have been identified; and

13 WHEREAS, There is currently no cure for Multiple System Atrophy;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The lack of awareness about Multiple System Atrophy has  
16 hindered research and the ability of researchers to obtain funding  
17 for their work; and

18 WHEREAS, Public support and greater awareness of the need for  
19 research funding can aid in the discovery of the cause of, and a cure  
20 for, Multiple System Atrophy;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate  
22 support the observation of March as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness  
23 Month to call attention to the pressing need to increase public

1 awareness of this progressive neurodegenerative disorder and  
2 encourage further research into treatments and a cure for this  
3 terrible disease.

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