

SENATE RESOLUTION
8677

By Senator Roach

WHEREAS, Transverse Myelitis is a disease with approximately 1,400 new cases diagnosed in the United States each year, but is not widely recognized by the general public as being a significant and serious spinal cord disease; and

WHEREAS, Transverse Myelitis is a devastating condition, affecting the neurological system by targeting the covering nerve cell fibers, myelin, and causing the spinal cord to become inflamed; and

WHEREAS, Several factors can cause Transverse Myelitis, including certain infections, immune system disorders, or an episode of other myelin disorders such as multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms include back pain and numbness of the lower extremities, as well as possible progression to paralysis and sensory loss; and

WHEREAS, Although spinal cord injuries have been well publicized by the media, Transverse Myelitis is often overlooked by even many medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, Although recovery from Transverse Myelitis may be difficult, requiring months of treatment, most patients through drugs and therapy are able to experience at least partial recovery; and

WHEREAS, The Transverse Myelitis Association was incorporated as a not for profit organization first in our own state of Washington in November of 1996 and now has more than 8,500 members from every state in the United States and from more than 80 countries throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, If this condition were more widely recognized, diagnosis and further scientific research would benefit those who suffer from this condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and support individuals with Transverse Myelitis in order to help educate the public and medical community regarding the needs and issues of Transverse Myelitis patients; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Honorable Christine Gregoire.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8677,
adopted by the Senate
February 20, 2012

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate