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## Proclamation Recognizing Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that affects approximately one million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, it typically strikes young adults in the prime of life – in their 20s to 40's. Women are more likely to have MS by about 3:1. Symptoms can begin as simply as tingling and progress to near paralysis; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for better education and awareness of MS so that its victims can lead more productive and satisfying lives, to benefit themselves, their caregivers and families, and the overall community; and

**WHEREAS**, the exact cause of multiple sclerosis is still unknown and there is no known cure; and

**WHEREAS**, every hour of every day, someone is newly diagnosed with MS; and

**WHEREAS**, the Multiple Sclerosis Alliance of Virginia (MSAV) provides programs and services for anyone in Virginia whose life has been affected by MS.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Deanna Reed, Mayor of Harrisonburg VA, on behalf of Harrisonburg City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month in the City of Harrisonburg, and I call this observance to the attention of all our residents.

GIVEN under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk