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MAYOR DEANNA REED

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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 2021 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 ____ day of March, 2021.

BY: _____
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk