

1 Introduced by Council Members Carrico, Salem, Carlucci, White,  
2 Lahnen, Amaro, Howland, Gaffney, Jr., Miller, Pittman and  
3 Clark-Murray:  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2024-390**

7 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AS WORLD  
8 MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
9 DATE.  
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11 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) International  
12 Federation and its members initiated the first World MS Day. May 30<sup>th</sup>  
13 is a significant day for people with MS and their families to raise  
14 awareness of the disease and support those affected by it; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic disease of the central  
16 nervous system affecting more than 2.9 million people worldwide. MS  
17 is an unpredictable disease that can cause a range of symptoms,  
18 including fatigue, cognitive impairment, vision loss, and mobility  
19 issues; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the theme for World MS Day 2024-2025 is "My MS  
21 Diagnosis, navigating MS together." This campaign highlights the need  
22 for early and accurate diagnosis for everyone living with MS to reduce  
23 the barriers encountered when initially identifying the disease; and

24 **WHEREAS**, there is currently no drug that can cure MS, but  
25 treatments are available which can modify the course of the disease.  
26 It is essential to invest in research, better training for healthcare  
27 professionals, and technologies that can improve the lives of people  
28 with MS; now therefore

29 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

30 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby recognizes May  
31 30<sup>th</sup> as World MS Day, an occasion for global solidarity, collective

1 action and hope. Jacksonville City Council extends appreciation to  
2 the MS International Federation, the National Multiple Sclerosis  
3 Society, and to all who advocate for clinical advancements, to create  
4 awareness, and to support those living with Multiple Sclerosis.

5 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11           /s/ Shannon MacGillis          

12 Office of General Counsel

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