

1 Introduced by Council Member Peluso and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Salem, Clark-Murray, Pittman and Freeman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-113-A**

6 A RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 9-15, 2025, AS  
7 MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK, URGING ALL  
8 CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS  
9 PROMOTING AWARENESS AND SUPPORT, AND COMMENDING  
10 THE NORTH FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL  
11 MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY AND JAX BOURBON  
12 SOCIAL FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO ASSIST THOSE LIVING  
13 WITH MS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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15 **WHEREAS**, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, often disabling  
16 disease that affects the central nervous system, impacting more than  
17 2.8 million people worldwide; and

18 **WHEREAS**, MS symptoms vary widely and unpredictably, ranging  
19 from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis, emphasizing  
20 the need for continued research, education, and support for those  
21 affected by the disease; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville recognizes the importance of  
23 raising awareness about MS and encouraging efforts to improve the  
24 quality of life for individuals living with the condition; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the North Florida Chapter of the National Multiple  
26 Sclerosis Society has made significant contributions toward providing  
27 resources, support, and advocacy for those affected by MS in our  
28 community; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Jax Bourbon Social, a registered 501(c)(3)  
30 organization founded in 2020, is dedicated to bringing bourbon  
31 enthusiasts together to raise funds and awareness for the National

1 Multiple Sclerosis Society through events such as Jacksonville's  
2 premier Bourbon & Whiskey Tasting. Since its founding, Jax Bourbon  
3 Social has raised more than \$325,000 for the National Multiple  
4 Sclerosis Society over four years, directly supporting MS programs,  
5 clinical fellowships, and mentorships; and

6 **WHEREAS,** the funds raised through Jax Bourbon Social have  
7 contributed to fellowship and mentorship programs that provide  
8 specialized care for those in the MS clinical workforce, allowing  
9 doctors specializing in neurology and MS treatment to focus on the  
10 latest advancements in MS care and treatment; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, observed March 9-  
12 15, 2025, provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and  
13 businesses to come together to participate in activities and events  
14 that foster greater understanding of the disease and inspire action  
15 toward finding a cure; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Walk MS: Jacksonville 2025 is scheduled for Saturday,  
17 April 5, 2025, at the Duval County Public Schools headquarters, 1701  
18 Prudential Drive on the Downtown Southbank offering 1-mile and 3-mile  
19 accessible routes to unite the community in support of those affected  
20 by MS; now therefore

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

22 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby declares March 9-15,  
23 2025, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week and urges all citizens to  
24 participate in the many activities and informational opportunities  
25 offered to promote awareness and support for those affected by  
26 Multiple Sclerosis. The City Council also commends the North Florida  
27 Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Jax Bourbon  
28 Social for their dedication and efforts in advancing awareness,  
29 education, and advocacy for individuals and families impacted by MS.

30 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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3 Form Approved:

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5           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

6 Office of General Counsel

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