

1 Introduced by Council Members Carrico, Salem, Carlucci, White,
2 Lahnen, Amaro, Howland, Gaffney, Jr., Miller, Pittman and
3 Clark-Murray and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Peluso, Freeman,
4 Boylan and Johnson:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2024-390-A**

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

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

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

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

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

31 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby recognizes May

1 30th as World MS Day, an occasion for global solidarity, collective
2 action and hope. Jacksonville City Council extends appreciation to
3 the MS International Federation, the National Multiple Sclerosis
4 Society, and to all who advocate for clinical advancements, to create
5 awareness, and to support those living with Multiple Sclerosis.

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

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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