Proclamation

Observing March 8th – 14th, 2026 as Multiple Sclerosis Week

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable and often disabling disease of the central nervous system, affecting nearly one million people in the United States, with most individuals diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, approximately 10,000 children worldwide living with MS, and no known cause or cure currently existing; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, founded in 1946, is committed to achieving a world free of MS by raising public awareness, elevating the voices of those affected, transforming what it means to live with the disease, and serving as a driving force in prevention, treatments, and cure-focused research; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has invested more than $1 billion in groundbreaking research initiatives and aligns worldwide resources to fuel critical efforts aimed at identifying pathways to cures for MS; and

WHEREAS, the Society also invests in the next generation of researchers through fellowships and training programs, contributing to significant breakthroughs in MS research and treatment; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to cure MS while empowering people affected by MS to live their best lives, a mission deserving of the support of all Americans and the residents of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hastings recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure for MS and expresses its sincere appreciation for the dedication of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in working toward a world free of MS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Mary Fasbender of the City of Hastings, proclaim March 8th – 14th, 2026 as MS Awareness Week and encourage all Minnesotans to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.

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Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor