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## Proclamation

**Whereas:** Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease that attacks at the central nervous system, which consists of the brain, spinal cord, and the optic nerves. Common symptoms of this disease include, but are not limited to, fatigue, vision problems, depression, numbness, and difficulty in walking to mention only a few. Multiple Sclerosis affects young to middle-aged adults. The unpredictable physical and emotional effects of multiple sclerosis vary from person to person and can be lifelong; and

**Whereas:** Most people with multiple sclerosis are diagnosed between the ages of 20-50, in the prime of their life. Multiple sclerosis symptoms can affect a person in their employment, and their families. Research has been conducted and indicated twice as many women compared to men contract the disease. It is further documented men will shows signs of the disease in progression at a quicker rate than women.

**Therefore:** It is imperative for the citizens of Carroll County to broaden their awareness regarding what it means to live with multiple sclerosis and to better understand the complexities that come along with living with such an unpredictable disease. Multiple Sclerosis strikes a new person virtually every hour in the United States, however it may take an extended amount of time for one to be diagnosed with the disease; and

**Whereas:** Advances in the research and treatment are undergoing and provide hope to those affected by the disease through donated research dollars; and


**Whereas:** Multiple Sclerosis affects more than 20,000 people in the State of Ohio and 400,000 in the United States with the number of cases changing daily; and

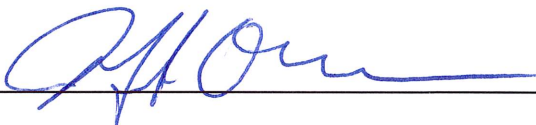
**Whereas:** It shall be acknowledged on March 2, 2006 Ohio House Bill 379 was signed into law by Ohio Governor Bob Taft. Ohio House Bill 379 made Ohio the first state in the nation to designate an entire month recognizing the battle against multiple sclerosis. The signing of the bill now has become a permanent law in the State of Ohio.

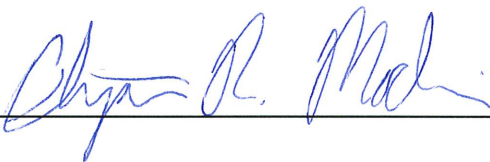
**Now therefore:** At this time we the commissioners of the County of Carroll as one of the eighty-eight counties in the State of Ohio do hereby recognize and proclaim the month of March as being Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, and in the County of Carroll, we the commissioners urge as of this day all citizens to join in the effort and recognition along with the support of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to raise awareness and funding for the worthwhile effort and display support to an individual who may have the disease.

**In witness whereof,** We have agreed on this date and set unto our supportive signatures and caused the seal of Carroll County to be affixed this 1 day of March 2018.

Commissioner 

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Witness 

County Seal                      Date March 1, 2018