

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.8 million people worldwide, including one million people in the United States which is double the original estimate; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that more than 15,000 Minnesotans live with MS, and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and the cause and course of the often-debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for 79 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments, and a cure, and has invested more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and

**WHEREAS**, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel over \$30 million in annual investments for more than 200 new and ongoing MS research projects at the best medical centers, universities, and other institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

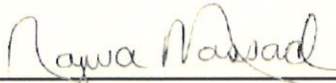
**WHEREAS**, stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost, and ending MS forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and Minnesotans should support; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mankato recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown toward creating a world free of MS.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Najwa Massad, Mayor of Mankato, do hereby proclaim the Month of March 2026, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in the City of Mankato.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the City of Mankato to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



  
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Najwa Massad  
Mayor