



*The Office of the Mayor*

## **PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.5 million people worldwide (1 million people in the U.S.) and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for 75 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and,
- WHEREAS,** In Idaho, it is estimated that nearly 5,000 people are living with MS, and the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50; and,
- WHEREAS,** The cause and course of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists even though more than \$1.06 billion to date in groundbreaking research has occurred to pursue prevention, treatments and a cure; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Treasure Valley MS Walk brings together the community and raises funds to change the world for everyone affected by multiple sclerosis, and this year's walk will be held on-demand online at WalkMS.org on and after April 24, 2021; and this year the Walk plans to raise more than \$100,000 for those with 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 Idahoans should support.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, do hereby proclaim, March 7-13, 2021, as

## **MS Awareness Week**

in the city of Meridian and urge all community members to become informed and involved in the fight so we can imagine a world without multiple sclerosis.

*Dated this 9th day of March 2021*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Simison", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor

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