

Proclamation

World Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Day May 30, 2024

WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis (MS) is one of the most common diseases of the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord). Today, an estimated 2.9 million people around the world have MS; and

WHEREAS, World MS Day is an international awareness day for everyone affected by multiple sclerosis (MS), and brings the global MS community together to share stories, raise awareness and campaign for change; and

WHEREAS, the theme for World MS Day 2024-2025 is diagnosis – a campaign that advocates for early and accurate diagnosis for everyone living with MS, highlights barriers to diagnosing MS, and raises awareness by sharing real stories to call for better training for healthcare professionals, new research, and clinical advancements in MS diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Walk MS is an organization that unites the MS community through the largest gathering of its kind to raise funds and make a difference for everyone living with MS. Walk MS has raised over \$1 billion to fuel the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's mission to cure MS while empowering people affected by MS to live their best lives; and

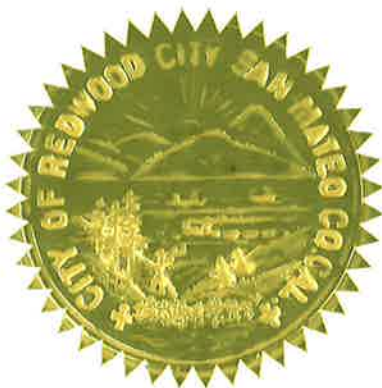
WHEREAS, Walk MS has built countless connections that delivered breakthroughs in MS research and treatment, empowered over 300,000 people affected by MS to solve everyday challenges, and expanded the reach of the MS movement nationwide; and

WHEREAS, this year's Silicon Valley Walk MS honoree is Pam Swint, a Redwood City resident living with MS while also fulfilling the role of a wife and mother of two teenage children; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City commends Pam's advocacy for the MS community and for bringing awareness to early diagnosis and treatment. Her story is an inspiration to others.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim May 30, 2024 as **World MS Day** in Redwood City and urge all community members to stand in solidarity, collective action, and hope with those with MS to have greater access to resources and support systems.


Date: May 4, 2024




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