

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 3128**

Sponsored by Representative REARDON; Representatives GOMBERG, GORSEK, KENY-GUYER, VEGA PEDERSON, Senators MONROE, THOMSEN (at the request of Charmayne Bischel)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month.

Whereas Multiple System Atrophy is a fatal neurological disease diagnosed in approximately 15,000 patients in the United States; and

Whereas as many as 35,000 more patients in the United States with Multiple System Atrophy are misdiagnosed with other more recognizable neurodegenerative disorders; and

Whereas patients with Multiple System Atrophy lose the ability to walk, talk, chew, swallow and even breathe over the course of a few years; and

Whereas the incidence of Multiple System Atrophy in the United States has increased in recent years; and

Whereas no specific risk factors or causes of Multiple System Atrophy have been identified; and

Whereas there is currently no cure for Multiple System Atrophy; and

Whereas the lack of awareness about Multiple System Atrophy has hindered research and the ability of researchers to obtain funding for their work; and

Whereas public support and greater awareness of the need for research funding can aid in the discovery of the cause of and a cure for Multiple System Atrophy; now, therefore,

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. March of each year is designated as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month to increase public awareness of this progressive neurodegenerative disorder that affects the autonomic functions of the body.**

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Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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