A Proclamation

Whereas, Multiple System Atrophy is a rare degenerative and terminal neurological disease, which has a distinctive impact on each patient; and

Whereas, according to the Multiple System Atrophy Coalition, MSA affects approximately 50,000 Americans; and

Whereas, Symptoms include problems with balance, coordination, gait, bladder and bowel functions, speech, swallowing and breathing; and

Whereas, A multidisciplinary approach to MSA care includes physical, psychological, and financial support for patients and caregivers, including support groups; and

Whereas, There are some medications that treat the symptoms and some clinical trials for the development of improved treatment, much more research is needed for better management of the disease and ultimately, a cure; and

Whereas, Increased education and awareness are needed to assist in accurately diagnosing MSA and to raise funds for research for treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure; and

Whereas, March has been proclaimed as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month among the MSA worldwide community in dealing with the devastating effects of MSA,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2019, to be,

MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-second day of February, in the year two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Charles Baker
Governor of the Commonwealth

Karyn E. Polito
Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts