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\*The Honorable (Full Name)

Office of the Governor of \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Governor \_\_\_\_\_,

On behalf of all those afflicted with Multiple System Atrophy, a rare degenerative and terminal neurological disorder, I am writing to request that (State) join other states across our nation in proclaiming March as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month.

March is recognized worldwide in the MSA community as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month as evidenced through such organizations and websites as the Multiple System Atrophy Coalition, the Miracles for MSA Facebook Page, and MSA NJ. Our shared goal is to raise awareness among not only the medical community where considerable misdiagnosis continues to occur, but among the general public in order to gain support for research and, ultimately, a cure.

At least 50,000 Americans suffer from MSA, likely more but misdiagnosis clouds the estimate. As a rare disease, patients find themselves struggling to find effective treatment and support, often feeling isolated and fearful of what lies ahead as the disease progresses. (Personal Statement). This awareness initiative allows for a collaboration of organizations and individuals in order to bring national, and even international, attention to the needs of the Multiple System Atrophy community.

In recognition of the significance of the needs of those impacted by Multiple System Atrophy, I respectfully request that (State) support this effort to battle MSA by proclaiming March as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month. A proposed proclamation is attached for your review, along with resources about Multiple System Atrophy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Signature

\*Note: *The Honorable* is the most frequently used courtesy title for governors. However, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and South Carolina officially and traditionally address their governor as *Your Excellency*.