



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Roy J. McDonald

Saratoga WALK MS

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Senator McDonald to Rally 100s of Walkers at Saratoga Springs Event

Saratoga Springs, NY – New York State Senator Roy McDonald will be the kick-off speaker for **Walk MS Saratoga** on **Sunday, May 6**, motivating more than 700 people to walk to find a cure for MS. The National MS Society Upstate New York Chapter hopes to raise more than \$115,000 from Walk MS Saratoga.

"Saratoga Walk MS is a wonderful opportunity for members of our local community to participate in an event that will raise funding and awareness of Multiple Sclerosis. Taking part in this walk is a great way to help individuals, and their families, who persevere with MS on a daily basis through raising money to support programs, services and research. Working together we can and will make a difference," said Senator Roy McDonald.

Funds raised will support direct services for the more than 12,400 people with MS and their families in Upstate New York and research to find a cure for this chronic disease of the central nervous system. In Saratoga County alone, there are more than 460 people living with MS.

Senator McDonald is one of seven lawmakers who make up the National MS Society's New York State MS Legislative Alliance, dedicated to raising awareness of the disease.

The Walk MS Saratoga kick-off ceremony, featuring Senator McDonald, begins at 10:00 a.m. at Saratoga Gaming and Raceway, 342 Jefferson Street in Saratoga Springs. Registration is at 9:00 a.m.

People can participate in Walk MS Saratoga individually or as a team, and choose from among a fully accessible one, three or five mile route. Folks can register for Walk MS on site the day of the event.

The Upstate New York Chapter is holding Walk MS in 20 communities this spring, with an overall goal of more than 10,000 participants and \$1.4 million.

When:

Sunday, May 6. Registration at 9:00 a.m.; Walk MS begins at 10:00 a.m.

Where:

Saratoga Gaming and Raceway, 342 Jefferson Street in Saratoga Springs.

To Participate/Volunteer:

Visit www.msupstateny.org, call 1-800-FIGHT-MS.

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About Multiple Sclerosis and the National MS Society Upstate New York Chapter: Multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, interrupts the flow of information within the brain and between the brain and the body. More than 12,400 people in Upstate New York are living with MS. The National MS Society Upstate New York Chapter offers a wide array of programs and services throughout the year for people with MS and their families, and raises money to fund MS research. The chapter serves 50 counties in Upstate New York. Call 1-800-FIGHT MS, or visit www.MSUpstateNY.org.