



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Grisanti Recognized MS Awareness Week

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# National Multiple Sclerosis

New York State Senator Mark Grisanti (R,I-60) today recognized "MS Awareness Week" as it is continues to be celebrated in New York State until Sunday, March 9.

"As someone who has seen a family member live with multiple sclerosis on a daily basis, I take great interest in celebrating MS Awareness Week," said Senator Grisanti. "My brother Richard has been through a lot and has succeeded both personally and professionally despite having to wage his ongoing battle with MS. The latest research shows that MS is the number one disabler of young adults, since most Americans are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50. There are an estimated 10,400 new cases diagnosed each year, which is why it is important we annually recognize those who are dealing with MS and educate ourselves about this condition."

Senator Grisanti is part of the New York State MS Legislative Alliance, a group of state lawmakers who raise awareness and promote education about multiple sclerosis, speak to groups and attend events affiliated with the National MS Society. They also share updates and promote special events with their constituents via mail, social media and online content.

Residents of Western New York are diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at a rate of twice the national average. Across the state, the Upstate New York Chapter serves more than 12,800 people living with MS and their friends, family and caregivers. The disease impacts and challenges the lives of more than 2.1 million people worldwide.

During MS Awareness Week, the National MS Society is offering programs to the public to help them learn more about MS and to identify sources of support for those who are currently in the process of being diagnosed or are currently living with MS. MS Awareness Week's main focus is to spread awareness of MS and encourage people to "join the movement" against MS.