

A Senate resolution

recognizing July 31 as Transverse Myelitis Awareness Day in Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, a national effort is underway way to increase awareness of transverse myelitis (TM) and to commit more financial resources toward research into the pathophysiology of TM, as well as the management of quality of life of the victims of TM and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, by raising awareness of TM, the likelihood of a timely diagnosis and the subsequent initiation of the appropriate therapy can improve the prognosis of affected patients; and

**WHEREAS**, promoting awareness and empowering patients, families, clinicians, and scientists through educational programs and publications will increase understanding of TM and help improve the quality of care and benefit those diagnosed with TM; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transverse Myelitis Association advocates for people who have acute disseminated encephalomyelitis (ADEM), acute flaccid myelitis (AFM), MOG antibody-associated disease (MOG-Ab disease), neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD), optic neuritis (ON), and transverse myelitis (TM); and

**WHEREAS**, the Transverse Myelitis Association was founded 25 years ago on July 31, 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota is proud to observe Transverse Myelitis Day; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that July 31 be recognized as Transverse Myelitis Awareness Day in Minnesota, and do commend observance to all of our citizens.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by the Secretary's signature and that of the Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to the Transverse Myelitis Association.

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Secretary of the Senate

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