

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



A PROCLAMATION



BY HIS EXCELLENCY
GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY

Whereas Mitochondria, located in every cell of the human body and create more than 90 percent of the body's energy, may not function correctly due to genetic defects, damage caused by drugs or destructive molecules called free radicals; and

Whereas Mitochondrial Disease, the body's inability to turn food into the energy to sustain life, can cause a wide range of health issues such as a seizures, low blood counts, blindness, deafness, dementia, heart failure and progressive muscle weakness; and

Whereas Mitochondria Disease can cause symptoms at any age and compromise affected individuals' lives significantly; and

Whereas Currently, no cures exist, but early diagnosis can help patients and their families use proper medication and nutritional supplements to improve the quality of life, and even prolong life; and

Whereas Through public awareness, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts seeks to minimize the devastating effects of the illness among all Massachusetts citizens,

Now, Therefore, I, Mitt Romney, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 1st - 8th, 2006, to be

MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

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 fifteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirtieth.

By His Excellency

Handwritten signature of Mitt Romney.

MITT ROMNEY
Governor of the Commonwealth

Handwritten signature of William F. Galvin.

WILLIAM F. GALVIN
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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