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PRESS ADVISORY

***Mayor Gary R. McCarthy Announces
Schenectady's City Hall Clock Tower
will be turning orange for the month of March***

Schenectady, NY ~ During the month of March, Schenectady City Hall's clock tower will be bathed in orange for Multiple Sclerosis Awareness month. "It is my great pleasure to highlight such an important issue in March by throwing the switch on the floodlights of City Hall."

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 body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness, paralysis and cognitive issues. Most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease. It affects more than 2.3 million people worldwide.

What everyone should know about MS:

- Progress continues, but there is still no known cause or cure for MS
- With no cure, symptoms of MS last a lifetime
- Symptoms of MS are unpredictable and vary from person to person
- Treatments and services are improving for people with MS, but not for everyone, everywhere

The Upstate New York Chapter works to improve the quality of life for people affected by MS in Upstate New York and raise funds for critical MS research. This is a chance to increase public understanding of the physical, emotional, and economic toll this disease takes on the people who live with it. Join the movement toward a world free of MS.

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