

# Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

WHEREAS, Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a rare neurodegenerative disease with no known cure, affecting 25,000 to 100,000 Americans with a progressive loss of mental and physical functions until general debilitation develops; and

WHEREAS, MSA is a progressive brain disorder caused by loss of nerve cells in specific areas of the brain, affecting numerous bodily functions including speech, vision, swallowing, breathing, blood pressure, body temperature, bladder control, and more; and

WHEREAS, MSA is difficult to diagnose in the early stages and can take years for key symptoms to develop, and no specific tests exist to diagnose the disease; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no treatment to slow the progression of MSA, symptoms require treatment on various levels, almost 80% of patients are disabled within 5 years of onset of the motor symptoms, and only 20% survive past 12 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen H. Cassidy, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2012 as "**MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH**" in San Leandro and encourage support for research to find a cure for this deadly disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012.



  
Mayor  
City of San Leandro, California