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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-030**

101     **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF AUGUST 2017 AS "SPINAL**  
102     **MUSCULAR ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH" IN COLORADO.**

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1           WHEREAS, Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) is the leading genetic  
2           killer of children under the age of two, and one in 50 Americans carries  
3           the gene that causes SMA; and

4           WHEREAS, SMA is known to cause degeneration in voluntary  
5           muscle movement for those who survive the disease; and

6           WHEREAS, SMA crosses all racial and ethnic boundaries,  
7           affecting people of all ages and genders; and

8           WHEREAS, Increased awareness about SMA will lead to  
9           increased public knowledge and support for both disease research and the

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1       families affected by this disease, hopefully leading to a cure; and

2           WHEREAS, Patient groups have named the month of August as  
3       National Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month in order to raise  
4       awareness and promote research of this devastating disease; and

5           WHEREAS, Organizations working to find an effective treatment  
6       and cure for SMA and the families dealing with this disease deserve our  
7       support; now, therefore,

8           *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly  
9       of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

10           That we, the General Assembly, hereby designate the month of  
11       August 2017 as Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month in Colorado.

12           *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this joint resolution be sent  
13       to Sophia's Cure Foundation, the Gwendolyn Strong Foundation, and the  
14       Rocky Mountain Chapter of Cure SMA.