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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.**

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.