



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-033

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF AUGUST 2016 AS "SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH" IN COLORADO.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Increased awareness about SMA will lead to increased public knowledge and support for both disease research and the families affected by this disease, hopefully leading to a cure; and

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

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

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we, the General Assembly, hereby designate the month of August 2016 as Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month in Colorado.

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

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