SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-030

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

1 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

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

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

4 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 Seventy-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

That we, the General Assembly, hereby designate the month of August 2017 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.*