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Gwendolyn Strong Foundation
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Attn: Victoria Strong

Dear Ms. Strong:

Enclosed is a copy of Senate Joint Resolution 17-030, *Concerning The Designation of August 2017 as "Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month" in Colorado*, adopted by the General Assembly during the 2017 legislative session. This document is being sent to you in accordance with the provisions contained therein.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Ameen'.

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Secretary of the Senate

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-030

BY SENATOR(S) Martinez Humenik and Kefalas, Aguilar, Baumgardner, Cooke, Court, Crowder, Donovan, Fenberg, Fields, Garcia, Gardner, Guzman, Hill, Holbert, Jahn, Jones, Kagan, Kerr, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Merrifield, Moreno, Neville T., Priola, Scott, Smallwood, Sonnenberg, Tate, Todd, Williams A., Zenzinger, Grantham;

also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Landgraf and Ginal, Arndt, Becker J., Becker K., Beckman, Benavidez, Bridges, Buck, Buckner, Carver, Catlin, Coleman, Covarrubias, Danielson, Esgar, Everett, Exum, Foote, Garnett, Gray, Hamner, Hansen, Herod, Hooton, Humphrey, Jackson, Kennedy, Kraft-Tharp, Lawrence, Lebsock, Lee, Leonard, Lewis, Liston, Lontine, Lundeen, McKean, McLachlan, Melton, Michaelson Jenet, Mitsch Bush, Navarro, Neville P., Nordberg, Pabon, Pettersen, Rankin, Ransom, Rosenthal, Saine, Salazar, Sias, Singer, Thurlow, Valdez, Van Winkle, Weissman, Willett, Williams D., Wilson, Winter, Wist, Young, Duran.

CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF AUGUST 2017 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

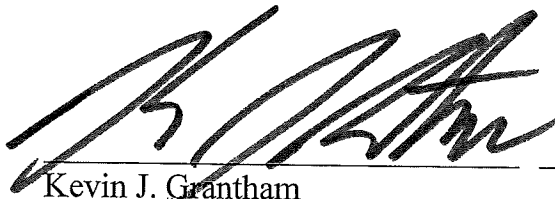
WHEREAS, Patient groups have named the month of August as National Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month in order to raise awareness and promote research of this devastating disease; and

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 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.



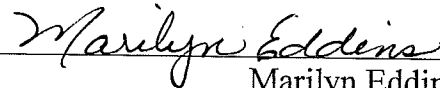
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