



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-012

BY SENATOR(S) Reeves,;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Lawrence, Bacon, Alexander, Borodkin, Boyd, Cadman, Chavez, Cloer, Coleman, Crane, Daniel, Decker, Hefley, Hodge, Hoppe, Jameson, Larson, Mace, Madden, Miller, Plant, Ragsdale, Rippey, Romanoff, Saliman, Sanchez, Schultheis, Scott, Sinclair, Snook, Spradley, Stengel, Tapia, Tochtrop, Veiga, Weddig, Williams S., Williams T., and Witwer.

CONCERNING THE BONE AND JOINT DECADE.

WHEREAS, One in every seven Americans report musculoskeletal impairments of some sort such as sprains, dislocations, fractures, arthritis, and back or spine impairments; and

WHEREAS, In the United States alone, musculoskeletal impairments were estimated to cost \$254 billion last year, causing 147 million work days and 20 million school days to be lost; and

WHEREAS, Musculoskeletal impairments rank number one in visits to physician's offices and are the number one category of reported chronic impairment for both men and women and for the major racial groups and arthritis is the leading chronic condition reported by the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Musculoskeletal impairments and deformities deprive children of normal development; and

WHEREAS, These impairments affect hundreds of thousands of Colorado residents, and are the leading cause of disability, costing the State of Colorado what is estimated to be billions of dollars in lost productivity and medical costs each year; and

WHEREAS, National and international musculoskeletal research is currently at the precipice of major breakthroughs that likely will change and simplify the way bone and joint disorders are treated and prevented

throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-five countries and more than four hundred international organizations have joined together to recognize the years 2000 through 2010 as the "Bone and Joint Decade" to increase public awareness of this problem and to promote research to find the cure for musculoskeletal impairments; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

That the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado recognizes the years 2000 through 2010 as the "Bone and Joint Decade".

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Stan Matsunaka  
PRESIDENT OF  
THE SENATE

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Doug Dean  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SECRETARY OF  
THE SENATE

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Bill Owens  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO