



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-014

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Coleman, Alexander, Bacon, Berry, Borodkin, Boyd, Cadman, Chavez, Clapp, Cloer, Crane, Daniel, Dean, Decker, Fairbank, Fritz, Garcia, Groff, Grossman, Hefley, Hodge, Hoppe, Jahn, Jameson, Johnson, Kester, King, Larson, Lawrence, Lee, Mace, Madden, Marshall, Miller, Mitchell, Nunez, Paschall, Plant, Ragsdale, Rhodes, Rippy, Romanoff, Saliman, Sanchez, Schultheis, Scott, Sinclair, Smith, Snook, Spence, Spradley, Stafford, Stengel, Swenson, Tapia, Tochtrop, Veiga, Vigil, Webster, Weddig, White, Williams S., Williams T., Witwer, and Young.

CONCERNING LYMPHEDEMA D-DAY.

WHEREAS, Lymphedema is an accumulation of lymphatic fluid that causes swelling in the arms, legs, or other areas of the body and affects both men and women; and

WHEREAS, The swelling caused by lymphedema can lead to severe infection or loss of the use of limbs, and patients suffering from lymphedema must endure physical discomfort and disfigurement and cope with the distress caused by these symptoms; and

WHEREAS, The single largest group of people who contract lymphedema are cancer patients, including breast, prostate, gynecological, head, lung, sarcoma, and melanoma cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, Recent studies have indicated that 20 percent of breast cancer patients will contract lymphedema after surgery and radiation; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Cancer Institute, there are a reported 8.5 million Americans living with a diagnosis of cancer, of which approximately 2 million are breast cancer survivors; and

WHEREAS, No drug or effective surgical treatment for lymphedema currently exists; and

WHEREAS, Research in all areas of lymphedema has been notably limited; and

WHEREAS, Lymphedema, which has no current cure and can occur at anytime, has a severe financial, physical, and psychological impact on patients; and

WHEREAS, Each year on March 6th, the National Lymphedema Network sponsors Lymphedema D-Day to honor patients and to raise awareness concerning the cause, treatment, and severity of this condition; 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 General Assembly designate March 6th, 2001, and March 6th each succeeding year, as Lymphedema D-Day in Colorado.

Be It Further Resolved, That the General Assembly encourage the citizens of the state of Colorado to honor and support the courageous patients living and coping with the debilitating condition of lymphedema.

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