

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR**
2 **DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2016 AS NATIONAL BLADDER**
3 **HEALTH MONTH**

4 2016 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Craig Hall**

7 Senate Sponsor: _____

9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This joint resolution of the Legislature expresses support for designating November
12 2016 as National Bladder Health Month.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

- 15 ▶ calls attention to bladder-related diseases and the stigma associated with such
- 16 diseases; and
- 17 ▶ expresses support for designating November 2016 as National Bladder Health
- 18 Month.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20 None

22 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

23 WHEREAS, tens of millions of Americans are affected by bladder diseases and
24 conditions including urinary incontinence, overactive bladder, underactive bladder, interstitial
25 cystitis, nocturia, urinary tract infections, bladder cancer, urotrauma, and neurogenic bladder;

26 WHEREAS, bladder diseases and conditions have significant impact on health and
27 quality of life -- contributing to depression, social isolation, falls, sexual dysfunction, loss of



28 self-esteem, hospitalizations, nursing home admissions, and even death;

29 WHEREAS, medical and behavioral research to better understand and maintain bladder
30 health and treat bladder diseases is critically needed yet poorly recognized;

31 WHEREAS, bladder problems are highly stigmatized, and open dialogue generated by
32 designating a month this year as "National Bladder Health Month" can reduce stigma and
33 empower providers and patients to have much-needed conversations about bladder health:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
35 expresses support for designating November 2016 as "National Bladder Health Month."

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National
37 Association for Continence and members of Utah's congressional delegation.

Legislative Review Note
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