

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER
2009 AS HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS
MONTH**

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Gregory S. Bell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution of the Senate designates September 2009 as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:
▶ designates September 2009 as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month in the state of Utah.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, hydrocephalus is a serious neurological condition characterized by the abnormal buildup of cerebrospinal fluids in the ventricles of the brain;

WHEREAS, there is no known cure for the hydrocephalus, which affects an estimated one million Americans;

WHEREAS, one in every 2,700 infants are born with hydrocephalus;

WHEREAS, more than 375,000 older Americans have hydrocephalus, which often remains undetected or incorrectly diagnosed as dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or Parkinson's disease;



28 WHEREAS, with appropriate diagnosis and treatment, people with hydrocephalus have
29 the opportunity to live full and productive lives;

30 WHEREAS, the standard treatment for hydrocephalus was developed in 1952 and
31 unfortunately carries multiple risks including shunt failure, infection, and over drainage;

32 WHEREAS, each year American taxpayers spend more than \$1 billion to treat
33 hydrocephalus; and

34 WHEREAS, the Hydrocephalus Association is one of the nation's oldest and largest
35 patient and research advocacy and support networks for individuals suffering from
36 hydrocephalus:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the state of Utah
38 designates September 2009 as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month in the state of Utah.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the
40 Hydrocephalus Association.

Legislative Review Note
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Fiscal Note

**S.R. 3 - Resolution Designating September 2009 as Hydrocephalus Awareness
Month**

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State of Utah

State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
