

# Senate Resolution 23 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY COURTNEY  
1 3 A Resolution recognizing May 2009 as Huntington's  
1 4 Disease Awareness Month.  
1 5 WHEREAS, Huntington's disease, first described in  
1 6 1873, is a hereditary, progressive, neurodegenerative  
1 7 disorder that gradually robs its victims of their  
1 8 intellect, their emotional well-being, and their  
1 9 control of movement; and  
1 10 WHEREAS, the effects of Huntington's disease are  
1 11 always tragic because as the disease progresses, its  
1 12 victims suffer increasingly from such symptoms as  
1 13 slurred speech, dementia, and writhing movements known  
1 14 as chorea, and because victims in the later stages of  
1 15 Huntington's disease invariably require total personal  
1 16 care, and affected families often bear heavy financial  
1 17 costs in addition to the heartache of watching the  
1 18 health of a mother, father, sibling, or child slowly  
1 19 deteriorate; and  
1 20 WHEREAS, Huntington's disease affects males and  
1 21 females equally and crosses all ethnic and racial  
1 22 boundaries, and everyone who carries the gene will  
1 23 develop the disease and will die; and  
1 24 WHEREAS, the existence of this dreaded disease  
1 25 presents a challenge to the love and humanitarianism  
1 26 of the American people; and  
1 27 WHEREAS, since the discovery of the genetic basis  
1 28 for the disease in 1993, the pace of research into the  
1 29 cause and nature of the disease has increased  
1 30 dramatically; and  
2 1 WHEREAS, the Huntington's Disease Society of  
2 2 America, Inc., has supported this research, bringing  
2 3 new hope to those who bear the burden of this tragic  
2 4 affliction; NOW THEREFORE,  
2 5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
2 6 recognizes the month of May 2009 as Huntington's  
2 7 Disease Awareness Month in Iowa, and urges the  
2 8 citizens of this state to lend their support to  
2 9 efforts to control this disease so that the suffering  
2 10 it induces may be eliminated.  
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