

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOGNIZING JUNE AS CYTOMEGALOVIRUS
AWARENESS MONTH IN IDAHO.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that one
in every 200 children is born with congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV); and

WHEREAS, CMV is the most common congenital infection in the United
States and is the most common viral cause of birth defects and developmental
disabilities, including deafness, blindness, cerebral palsy, mental and
physical disabilities and seizures; and

WHEREAS, pregnant women are one of the highest-risk groups for con-
tracting CMV; and

WHEREAS, most people are not aware when they are infected with CMV; and

WHEREAS, congenital CMV is preventable with simple behavioral inter-
ventions while pregnant, such as frequent hand-washing, refraining from
kissing young children on the mouth and refraining from sharing food, towels
or utensils with young children; and

WHEREAS, CMV infection is more common than the combined metabolic en-
docrine disorders currently in the core newborn screening panel for the
United States; and

WHEREAS, the rate of children born with congenital CMV could be signifi-
cantly reduced with public education; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public health interest to increase awareness of
the risks associated with CMV and the measures necessary to prevent CMV in-
fection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
resentatives concurring therein, that June shall be recognized as CMV Aware-
ness Month in Idaho.