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Bill No.

HJ-29

March 6, 2009

HJ29 : Rheumatoid arthritis awareness day - Support

Chairman and fellow committee members,

Montana Nurses Association (MNA) supports House Joint Resolution No. 29 introduced by Representative Arlene Becker.

In addition to treating and caring for individuals, nurses strongly support both education and prevention. By having a day dedicated to Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness in Montana it will remind our residents of this tremendous health problem not only to treat but affecting the ability of many with RA to work or work full time. For many it is a crippling disease and often disfiguring and disabling. Fortunately, treatments are available but not always successful. It is a disease that requires constant fundraising events to provide additional money for research to find treatment and or cure or possibly prevention.

MNA is pleased to support this Resolution.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Don Judge', is written over the printed name.

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