

CHAPTER 100**(HB 214)**

AN ACT relating to Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita.

WHEREAS, it is the custom of this legislative body to recognize official days that are set aside to increase awareness of serious health conditions that affect the lives of citizens of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita, commonly known as AMC, is a rare condition that occurs in utero where there are multiple congenital joint contractures, or multiple joints that are stuck in one position with little or no flexibility, resulting in low muscle tone; and

WHEREAS, joints commonly affected by AMC include joints in the hands, fingers, feet, toes, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, and even the spine and jaw; and

WHEREAS, AMC occurs in approximately one in every 3,000 live births in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the cause of AMC is not fully known at this time but may be, in part, due to an unborn baby not moving properly in the uterus; and

WHEREAS, while there is no known cure for AMC, therapy and treatments including physical therapy, multiple castings, splinting, bracing, and various surgical interventions can help to improve an individual's level of independence and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that there is no known cure for AMC, a majority of children diagnosed with AMC grow up to lead successful and independent lives; and

WHEREAS, on June 30 families across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and nation will be wearing the color blue to increase awareness for AMC and honor those affected by the disorder; and

WHEREAS, more than 25 states recognize June 30 as Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The thirtieth day of June of each year is designated and shall be observed in Kentucky as "Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day."

Signed by Governor April 2, 2018.