



## 2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 74

September 23, 2009 – Introduced by Representative VUKMIR, cosponsored by Senator DARLING. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** designating each October as hydrocephalus awareness month.

2             Whereas, hydrocephalus is a serious neurological condition, characterized by  
3     the abnormal buildup of cerebrospinal fluid in the ventricles of the brain; and

4             Whereas, there is no known cure for hydrocephalus, which affects an estimated  
5     one million Americans; and

6             Whereas, out of every 1,000 babies, one to two are born with hydrocephalus; and

7             Whereas, more than 375,000 older Americans have hydrocephalus, which often  
8     goes undetected or misdiagnosed as dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or Parkinson's  
9     disease; and

10            Whereas, with appropriate diagnosis and treatment, people with  
11     hydrocephalus can live full and productive lives; and

12            Whereas, the standard treatment for hydrocephalus was developed in 1952 and  
13     carries multiple risks, including shunt failure, infection, and over drainage; and

14            Whereas, there are fewer than ten centers in the United States specializing in  
15     the treatment of adults with normal pressure hydrocephalus; and

