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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Endometriosis is a disease of the female
3 reproductive system; and

4 WHEREAS, Endometriosis occurs when tissue similar to that
5 normally found in the uterus begins to grow outside of the
6 uterus, leading to chronic, debilitating pelvic pain; and

7 WHEREAS, Endometriosis is a leading cause of female
8 infertility; and

9 WHEREAS, Endometriosis affects one in 10 women of
10 childbearing age in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, On average, there is a 10-year delay from the
12 onset of symptoms to the final diagnosis of Endometriosis; and

13 WHEREAS, U.S. Endometriosis patients were hospitalized
14 105,123 days in 2010 because of their disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Women with Endometriosis can lose 11 hours per
16 work week through lost productivity and absenteeism due to
17 pain; and

18 WHEREAS, Fifty-one percent of Endometriosis patients

1 report that their disease detrimentally affects their job; and

2 WHEREAS, The estimated total annual societal burden of
3 Endometriosis-related symptoms in the U.S. is \$56 billion, or
4 \$10,824 per patient; and

5 WHEREAS, There is no cure for Endometriosis; and

6 WHEREAS, More research is necessary to develop treatment
7 options to manage this debilitating disease; and

8 WHEREAS, Traditionally, providers have focused on managing
9 the associated pain with oral contraceptives, progestins,
10 danazol, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs),
11 opioids, and GnRH agonists, many of which are not specifically
12 indicated for the treatment of Endometriosis; in more extensive
13 cases, surgical interventions (e.g., laparotomy or
14 laparoscopy) are often pursued and may not be curative for all
15 individuals; and

16 WHEREAS, More research is needed to find additional
17 treatment options to manage this debilitating disease; and

18 WHEREAS, Education is important for promoting awareness of
19 symptoms and early detection and diagnosis of Endometriosis;
20 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare March of
3 2018 as "Endometriosis Awareness Month" in the State of
4 Illinois and encourage the State to observe the month with
5 related awareness and educational campaigns; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Public Health is
7 encouraged to make available online resources and current
8 information on Endometriosis, including disease prevalence,
9 symptoms, and treatment options; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 delivered to the Director of Public Health.