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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of Free & Charitable Clinics improves access to quality healthcare for low-income individuals who are uninsured or underinsured by strengthening free and charitable clinics, fostering partnerships, educating the public, and advocating for health policy; and

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WHEREAS, Free and charitable clinics have a mission to serve the uninsured and underinsured by providing a range of healthcare services including medical, dental, pharmaceutical, and mental and behavioral health; and

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WHEREAS, Free and charitable clinics provide community health education classes on a wide range of topics including diabetes, hypertension, diet, exercise, home health, and medicine administration; and

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WHEREAS, It is estimated that 896,000 Illinois residents and 32.3 million Americans were uninsured in 2016; Illinois has the 8th highest uninsured population in the country, with 10.6% of people ages 18-64 in the state uninsured; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics operates over 40 free and charitable clinics across Illinois located in both rural and urban areas of the state,

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1 providing over 83,000 visits to approximately 68,000 patients  
2 annually; and

3 WHEREAS, Doctors, nurses, and other healthcare  
4 professionals provide more than 150,000 hours of volunteer  
5 medical care every year in Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Free and charitable clinics in Illinois are truly  
7 an invaluable resource for Illinois residents who are without  
8 insurance or are underinsured; these clinics provide access to  
9 life-saving medical care that would otherwise be unavailable or  
10 more costly; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare August of  
13 2018 as "Free and Charitable Clinic Month" in the State of  
14 Illinois in order to create community awareness of the mission  
15 and availability of free and charitable clinics across the  
16 state so that residents who are without insurance or are  
17 underinsured can receive access to vital medical care; and be  
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19 RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude and admiration for  
20 the important work the many free and charitable clinics,  
21 volunteer doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals  
22 do for our great citizens throughout the State of Illinois; and

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2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the Illinois Association of Free & Charitable  
4 Clinics as a symbol of our respect and esteem.