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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infection (PANDAS) create the sudden onset of obsessive-compulsive disorder in children, causing previously healthy and emotionally adjusted children to experience severe anxiety and emotional disturbances; and

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WHEREAS, Children with PANS and PANDAS tend to manifest some of the following symptoms: tics or other abnormal movements, severe separation anxiety, generalized anxiety, irritability, aggression, personality changes, ADHD, marked deterioration in learning and school performance, and developmental regression, including deterioration in handwriting; and

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WHEREAS, PANS is broader than PANDAS as it includes not only disorders associated with a preceding infection, such as Mycoplasma Pneumoniae, Mono, Lyme, viruses, and more, but also acute onset non-infectious triggers, such as environmental factors and metabolic dysfunction; treatment plans similar to those for PANDAS should be attempted; and

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WHEREAS, Children with PANS and PANDAS may experience moderate to dramatic improvement with antibiotics, steroids,

1 intravenous immunoglobulin treatment, or plasmapheresis; and

2 WHEREAS, Researchers at the National Institute of Mental
3 Health, along with 13 Centers for Excellence throughout the
4 country, are currently engaged in extensive research to
5 elucidate the causes and develop further effective treatment
6 options for PANS and PANDAS; and

7 WHEREAS, Researchers at Moleculera Labs at the University
8 of Oklahoma have developed PANS and PANDAS blood testing
9 procedures; and

10 WHEREAS, The expert members of the PANDAS Physicians
11 Network, a physicians specialty society, have developed and
12 published standard treatment methods; and

13 WHEREAS, The actual number of children suffering from PANS
14 and PANDAS has been estimated to be approximately one out of
15 every 200 children in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public
17 awareness of this serious health issue; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the dates of
20 October 9 of 2019 and 2020 as PANS and PANDAS Awareness Day in

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1 the State of Illinois.