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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Recently there have been reports of the use of the  
3           horrific drug desomorphine, also known as "krokodil", in the  
4           State of Illinois; although the first known cases of the drug  
5           were in Utah and Arizona, at least 3 cases of desomorphine  
6           possession have been seen in Will County; and

7           WHEREAS, Desomorphine is illegal in this State under the  
8           provisions of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act; and

9           WHEREAS, The name "krokodil" comes from the scaly, green  
10          appearance of a user's skin once gangrene has set in; in some  
11          cases, the gangrene is so extreme that it causes the user's  
12          muscles, tendons, and bones to become exposed; and

13          WHEREAS, Desomorphine is also known as "the flesh-eating  
14          drug", as it causes a user's skin to rot from the inside out;  
15          severe withdrawal and death are other known consequences of the  
16          use of desomorphine; and

17          WHEREAS, Desomorphine is an analog of heroin and is made  
18          with substances such as gasoline, paint thinner, and lighter  
19          fluid; and

20          WHEREAS, Desomorphine is highly addictive; the addiction

1 is so strong it is sometimes too powerful to overcome, thus  
2 desomorphine addicts have a life expectancy of less than 2  
3 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Intensive treatment and skin grafts are often  
5 required for desomorphine users, but sometimes they are not  
6 enough to save an addict's limbs or life; and

7 WHEREAS, The drug has a similar effect on the brain as  
8 heroin and has been used as a cheaper, knockoff alternative in  
9 parts of Russia, where there has been a heroin shortage and  
10 where the drug is believed to have originated; and

11 WHEREAS, The far-too prevalent use of heroin in Illinois,  
12 especially in the collar counties, is an even greater cause for  
13 concern; heroin addicts may have developed a tolerance level to  
14 heroin and are looking for a cheaper drug with a more intense  
15 high, leading them to turn to desomorphine; and

16 WHEREAS, Despite the horrendous and sometimes deadly  
17 effects of the use of desomorphine, the Drug Enforcement  
18 Administration does not recognize the use of desomorphine as an  
19 immediate threat and the agency has indicated they are not  
20 actively investigating recent reports of the use of the drug;  
21 and

1           WHEREAS, In order to prevent further use of desomorphine in  
2 Illinois, cases cannot be ignored; it is imperative that the  
3 Drug Enforcement Administration investigates reports of  
4 desomorphine to stop the spread of the drug throughout Illinois  
5 and into other states; and

6           WHEREAS, It is in the public interest of this State to put  
7 an end to the illegal use of desomorphine as quickly and  
8 efficiently as possible; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we urge the Drug Enforcement Administration to recognize the  
12 use of desomorphine or "krokodil" as an immediate threat and to  
13 investigate cases of the drug in Illinois to prevent its spread  
14 and to safeguard the wellbeing of Illinois residents; and be it  
15 further

16           RESOLVED, That this resolution serves as a notice to all  
17 that desomorphine is illegal in the State of Illinois and urge  
18 the creators and users of this drug to immediately cease the  
19 production and use of the drug for the benefit of citizens  
20 throughout the State; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement

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