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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Heroin addiction continues to be a serious and  
3 deadly problem in the State of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, Heroin accounts for one-quarter of substance  
5 related treatment admissions in Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly 4% of youths reported using heroin in 2013;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, 681 deaths were caused by heroin overdoses in  
9 2014; and

10 WHEREAS, Illinois still heavily relies on the 12-step  
11 program to address heroin and over 300 other types of  
12 addictions; and

13 WHEREAS, Study after study has proven that 12-step programs  
14 have a poor success rate of only between 5% and 10%; and

15 WHEREAS, Twelve-step programs have a dropout rate of 95%  
16 after one year in the program; and

17 WHEREAS, Treatment models using behavioral science have  
18 shown a great deal of promise in many medical and mental health

1 circles; and

2 WHEREAS, Countless loved ones have had to endure the pain  
3 and heartache associated with heroin addiction; and

4 WHEREAS, With 12-step programs having such low success  
5 rates action must be taken to save lives from heroin and other  
6 addictions; and

7 WHEREAS, A new treatment method that meets the needs of the  
8 addicted and that uses a behavioral methodology to better  
9 foster heroin addiction recovery is urgently needed;  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 encourage the Illinois Department of Human Services to address  
14 heroin addiction and implement evidence-based practices for  
15 medication-assisted treatment services that meet the needs of  
16 the addicted in Illinois; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we designate November 4, 2017 as Heroin  
18 Addiction Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 presented to Governor Rauner, Secretary of the Illinois  
2 Department of Human Services James T. Dimas, and Kari Karidis.