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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In 1983, President Ronald Reagan designated November as Alzheimer's Awareness Month nationally; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a neurodegenerative disease that causes a person to progressively lose their memory and overall cognitive function over time; Alzheimer's robs a person of their short-term and long-term memory and has a significant effect on their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, accounting for 60 to 80% of all dementia cases; dementia is a general term to describe a severe decline in mental ability that interferes with daily life; and

WHEREAS, There are currently 5.7 million people living with Alzheimer's in the United States, and the Alzheimer's Association projects that number to grow to 14 million by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States and kills more people than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined; according to the Alzheimer's Association, one out of every three seniors dies of Alzheimer's disease; and

1 WHEREAS, Someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's
2 or some form of dementia every 65 seconds; and

3 WHEREAS, The Alzheimer's Association estimates that
4 Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia will cost
5 people in the United States a combined \$277 billion in 2018;
6 they also state that early and accurate diagnosis of
7 Alzheimer's could save up to \$7.9 trillion in medical costs;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, No cure is currently available for Alzheimer's
10 disease, and the approximate lifetime cost of care for a person
11 living with Alzheimer's is \$341,840; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 declare November of 2018 as "Alzheimer's Awareness Month"
15 within the State of Illinois; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the Alzheimer's Association - Illinois Chapter.