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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 2019, the American Cancer Society estimates  
3 that more than 600,000 people will lose their lives to cancer  
4 in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that 24,410  
6 people in Illinois will die from cancer in 2019; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute estimates that from  
8 18,000 to 210,000 deaths in the United States could be avoided  
9 with prevention and early detection; and

10 WHEREAS, The cancer death rate dropped 25 percent between  
11 1991 and 2014 because of reductions in smoking and advances in  
12 early detection and treatment; and

13 WHEREAS, Specifically, according to the American Cancer  
14 Society, the five-year relative survival rate for cancers found  
15 at the local stage are about 55 percent of lung cancers, 90  
16 percent of colon and rectum cancers, 91 percent of cervical  
17 cancers, 99 percent of breast, and 98 percent for melanoma of  
18 the skin cancers; and

19 WHEREAS, Many of these cancers are often preventable, and  
20 early detection and treatment are critical as cancer does not

1 always cause symptoms and may occur in people with no family  
2 history; and

3 WHEREAS, Specific cancer types disproportionately affect  
4 different populations; for example, breast cancer is the most  
5 common form of cancer among Black women, prostate cancer rates  
6 in Black men are double those of other men, and the likelihood  
7 of developing colorectal cancer for Alaska Natives is about  
8 double that of other Americans; cervical cancer is more  
9 prevalent among Hispanic and African-American women; two out of  
10 three people diagnosed with lung cancer are 65 or older;  
11 melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, is among the most  
12 common cancers in young adults; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control  
14 and Prevention, rates of screening for many cancer types in  
15 recommended populations remain substantially below Healthy  
16 People 2020 targets; and

17 WHEREAS, It is critical to reinforce the need for people to  
18 discuss their individual risk factors for cancer with their  
19 healthcare providers and understand the recommendations for,  
20 and benefits of, cancer screening; and

21 WHEREAS, For those individuals who are found through  
22 screening to have cancer, they are presented with clear and

1 complete options for further diagnostic or molecular testing  
2 and treatment by their healthcare providers; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 all citizens of Illinois are encouraged to visit  
6 [cancerscreenweek.org](http://cancerscreenweek.org) for cancer screening resources and talk  
7 to their healthcare providers about their risk factors for all  
8 cancer types including, but not limited to, breast, cervical,  
9 colon, lung, prostate, and skin cancers, as well as recommended  
10 screening options; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That we declare the first week of December 2019  
12 as "Cancer Screen Week" in the State of Illinois; and be it  
13 further

14       RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Assembly is urged to  
15 take actions to evaluate current levels of funding for cancer  
16 screening in state medical assistance, public health, or  
17 standalone programs to ensure adequate funding is available for  
18 cancer screening and/or treatment services; and be it further

19       RESOLVED, That the Illinois General Assembly is urged to  
20 identify and advance policies to increase rates of cancer  
21 screening and improve cancer screening awareness.