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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, One in nine men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer; and

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WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among American men and the most commonly diagnosed; and

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WHEREAS, In 2019, there are expected to be approximately 174,650 new cases of prostate cancer and nearly 31,620 deaths from the disease in the United States; in Illinois, it is estimated that 6,690 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Prostate cancer affects all races and socioeconomic classes; however, compared to white men and other men of color, African American men are at an increased risk for developing prostate cancer; one in six African American men will develop prostate cancer; overall, African American men are 1.7 times more likely to be diagnosed with, and 2.3 times more likely to die from, prostate cancer than white men; African American men are also slightly more likely than white men to be diagnosed with advanced stages of the disease; and

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WHEREAS, Finding prostate cancer when it is still at an

1 early stage offers the best hope for effective treatment and a
2 cancer-free life; and

3 WHEREAS, If the disease progresses to metastatic
4 castration-resistant prostate cancer (CRPC), the prognosis is
5 poor, with a median survival of approximately three years; the
6 patient, family, health, and economic burdens of prostate
7 cancer, particularly of advanced-state cancer, are large; and

8 WHEREAS, Improved awareness of prostate cancer, an
9 understanding of increased risks for developing the disease, as
10 well as access to recent medical advances that may extend the
11 time a patient lives without his cancer spreading are important
12 to improve the patient's outcome; and

13 WHEREAS, Shared decision making between the patient, his
14 family and other caregivers, and a physician is important to
15 support the appropriate care for an individual's clinical
16 situation; and

17 WHEREAS, Patients should consult their physicians
18 regarding individual risk for developing prostate cancer, to
19 determine when screening and other tests for early detection of
20 prostate cancer are needed, and to understand the risks and
21 possible benefits of screening; and

1 WHEREAS, Individuals who are diagnosed with prostate
2 cancer can speak with their physician and other health care
3 providers to learn more about the disease; they can also find
4 support groups and services in their community or online; and

5 WHEREAS, Additional focus is needed on the personal and
6 social burdens of prostate cancer to anticipate the needs and
7 provide support to the patient, his family, and other
8 caregivers; and

9 WHEREAS, Additional research on prostate cancer is needed,
10 so new and more effective treatments can be developed, as well
11 as a push for critical research and advanced treatments for
12 prostate cancer; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we declare September 2019 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in
16 the State of Illinois, and we ask the citizens of Illinois to
17 become aware of prostate cancer, so they can have an informed
18 conversation with their health care provider regarding
19 possible screening and diagnostic methods and, if necessary,
20 treatments to improve the outcomes and the psychosocial support
21 for people affected by the disease.