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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives recognize that the sequencing of the human
4 genome is one of the most significant scientific
5 accomplishments of the past hundred years and expresses support
6 for genetic counselors, who are using this research to improve
7 the lives of many throughout the State; and

8 WHEREAS, Genetic counselors empower patients and their
9 families with vital healthcare information, guidance, and
10 emotional support to help them understand their family history,
11 evaluate genetic testing options, and make informed choices
12 based on test results; and

13 WHEREAS, There are over 150 certified genetic counselors in
14 Illinois working in prenatal, fertility, pediatrics,
15 metabolic, cardiovascular, neurology, and cancer care; and

16 WHEREAS, Many people benefit from increased genetic
17 sequencing research and genetic counseling, including anyone
18 with a condition linked to a specific gene or anyone who has a
19 family history of an inherited disease; and

20 WHEREAS, The 5,000 genetic counselors across the country
21 streamline the healthcare industry by ensuring the right tests

1 are being ordered, avoiding costly and unnecessary costs and
2 tests, by helping patients and providers understand complex
3 test results and how to best use this information, by helping
4 consult with potential parents on the intimidating potential of
5 passing on inherited diseases, by sharing information with
6 family members, and by providing recommendations for community
7 support services; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we declare November 14, 2019 as "Genetic Counselor Awareness
11 Day" in the State of Illinois.