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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Burn injuries continue to be one of the leading  
3 causes of accidental death and injury in our nation;  
4 tragically, children, the elderly, and the disabled are  
5 especially vulnerable to burn injuries, and almost one-third of  
6 all burn injuries occur in children under the age of 15; and

7           WHEREAS, Annually, in the United States, approximately  
8 486,000 people receive medical care for treatment of burn  
9 injuries; in 2016 alone, there were 3,280 deaths from fire and  
10 smoke inhalation, and another 40,000 people were treated in  
11 hospitals for burn related injuries; and

12           WHEREAS, Children under five are 2.4 times as likely as the  
13 general population to suffer burn injuries that require  
14 emergency medical treatment, and young adults ages 20-29 have a  
15 probability of burn injury that is roughly 1.5 times the risk  
16 of the general population; and

17           WHEREAS, The primary causes of injury include fire-flame,  
18 scalds, electrical, and chemicals; most of the injuries occur  
19 in the home; today, 96.8% of those who suffer burn injuries  
20 will survive; unfortunately, many of those survivors will  
21 sustain serious scarring, life-long physical disabilities, and  
22 adjustment difficulties; and

1           WHEREAS, National Burn Awareness Week, an initiative of the  
2 American Burn Association, is a coming together of burn, fire,  
3 and life safety educators to make the public aware of the  
4 frequency, devastation, and causes of burn injury, to offer  
5 consistent and authoritative measures to prevent these  
6 injuries, and to detail how to best care for those that are  
7 injured; and

8           WHEREAS, Significant research and medical advances have  
9 dramatically improved burn care and treatment, aided  
10 rehabilitation, shortened hospital stays, and increased burn  
11 survival rates; aftercare support for the physical and  
12 emotional effects of burns has also played a key role in the  
13 successful reintegration of burn survivors into our  
14 communities; furthermore, burn safety education and prevention  
15 efforts continue to reduce the number of people who suffer  
16 burns each year; and

17           WHEREAS, Many people devote their lives and careers to  
18 treating, caring for, supporting, and rehabilitating burn  
19 injury survivors, including those performing vital work in burn  
20 research and development; there are dedicated fire fighters who  
21 risk their own lives every day to protect others, as well as  
22 burn foundations and other life safety professionals who  
23 promote burn injury awareness and prevention; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare February  
3 3-9, 2019 as Burn Awareness Week in the State of Illinois; and  
4 be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the American Burn Association as a symbol of our  
7 respect and esteem.