



SR0780

LRB101 15198 MST 64357 r

1

SENATE RESOLUTION

2

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

8

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

13

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

16

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

20

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

21

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