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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives wish to
3 raise awareness surrounding the rare disease of spinal
4 muscular atrophy; and

5 WHEREAS, Spinal muscular atrophy is a degenerative,
6 genetic neurological condition that affects and prevents
7 motor-control neurons from sending signals from the central
8 nervous system to the body's muscles that, in turn, causes the
9 loss of muscle control and ultimately muscle wasting; and

10 WHEREAS, Spinal muscular atrophy is a rare genetic
11 neuromuscular disease; and

12 WHEREAS, In the United States, an estimated one in 11,000
13 babies are born with spinal muscular atrophy; and

14 WHEREAS, There are four types of spinal muscular atrophy,
15 the most severe of which may require a ventilator and feeding
16 tubes; and

17 WHEREAS, Spinal muscular atrophy affects everyone
18 differently, and symptoms can vary greatly according to the
19 age of onset and the severity of the disease; and

1 WHEREAS, Those who suffer from spinal muscular atrophy
2 have normally developed brains and are bright, sensitive, and
3 full of life despite their diagnosis; and

4 WHEREAS, Unlike many other rare neuromuscular diseases,
5 there is a clear understanding of the specific genetic cause
6 of spinal muscular atrophy; and

7 WHEREAS, Ongoing research offers the promise that a cure
8 for spinal muscular atrophy may one day be found; and

9 WHEREAS, Increased awareness of spinal muscular atrophy
10 will lead to increased knowledge and increased support for
11 both disease research and the families affected by the
12 disease; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we declare August 2022 as Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness
16 Month in the State of Illinois, and we encourage continuing
17 research on spinal muscular atrophy and community support for
18 those affected with the disease.