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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Covid-19 pandemic has created a hidden  
3 epidemic of deferred care; and

4 WHEREAS, The widespread patient hesitancy to return to  
5 healthcare services combined with closed and limited  
6 availability of healthcare services during the pandemic has  
7 resulted in underdiagnosis and a gap in care, with missed  
8 opportunities to provide timely and appropriate treatments,  
9 consequently leading to increased chronic disability and  
10 mortality; and

11 WHEREAS, The long-term impact of the collateral negative  
12 effects of pandemic-related deferred care is staggering and  
13 may be felt for a generation; and

14 WHEREAS, A study reported in the New York Times found that  
15 blood pressure readings increased significantly from April  
16 2020 through December 2020 compared with the same period in  
17 2019; and

18 WHEREAS, Another study showed that while test volume for  
19 non-prescribed fentanyl fell during the early months of the  
20 pandemic and through 2020, the percentage of positive test  
21 results rose indicating that patients with Opioid Use Disorder

1 were underdiagnosed during the early months of the pandemic  
2 and through 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, The pandemic has disrupted the utilization of  
4 women's preventive health services and may be associated with  
5 increased disparities in access to these services; a  
6 University of Michigan study found that rates of breast cancer  
7 screenings, cervical cancer screenings, and sexually  
8 transmitted infection screenings all significantly declined in  
9 2020 compared with 2019; and

10 WHEREAS, Another study showed new diagnoses of eight  
11 common types of cancer declined by 46 percent during most of  
12 the first 13 months of the pandemic, and, according to data  
13 presented during the American Urological Association's 2021  
14 Virtual Experience, weekly prostate cancer screening rates  
15 declined by as much as 43 percent during the COVID-19  
16 pandemic; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare March of  
19 2022 as Back to Care Month in the State of Illinois to educate  
20 and promote patients to return to a routine of preventative  
21 care and screening.