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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of Free & Charitable Clinics improves access to quality health care for 100,000 low-income individuals who are uninsured or underinsured by strengthening free and charitable clinics, fostering partnerships, educating the public, and advocating for health policy; and

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WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2021, the number of Illinois residents with health insurance declined, and health care for 800,000 residents in Illinois is imminently needed; and

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WHEREAS, Free and charitable clinics have a mission to serve the uninsured and underinsured by providing a range of health care services, including medical, dental, pharmaceutical, and mental and behavioral health; and

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WHEREAS, Free and charitable clinics provide community health resources that include COVID tests and vaccines as well as health education and services on a wide range of topics, including diabetes hypertension, diet, exercise, home health, and medicine administration; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of Free & Charitable

1 Clinics operates over 52 free and charitable clinics across  
2 Illinois that are located in both rural and urban areas of the  
3 State, providing visits to approximately 40,000 patients  
4 annually; and

5 WHEREAS, Doctors, nurses, and other health care  
6 professionals have provided more than 580,000 thousand  
7 volunteer hours of medical care, administered over 15,000  
8 COVID-19 vaccines, cared for over 42,000 patients in the  
9 clinics, and reached over 60,000 in community outreach and  
10 engagement; and

11 WHEREAS, Free and charitable clinics in Illinois are truly  
12 an invaluable resource for Illinois residents who are without  
13 insurance or are underinsured and provide access to  
14 life-saving medical care that would otherwise be unavailable  
15 or more costly; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare August of  
18 2022 as "Free and Charitable Clinic Month" in the State of  
19 Illinois in order to create community awareness of the mission  
20 and availability of free and charitable clinics across the  
21 State so that residents who are without insurance or are  
22 underinsured can receive access to vital medical care; and be  
23 it further

1           RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude and admiration for  
2           the important work the many free and charitable clinics,  
3           volunteer doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals  
4           do for our great citizens throughout the State of Illinois;  
5           and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7           presented to the Illinois Association of Free & Charitable  
8           Clinics as a symbol of our respect and esteem.