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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION WHEREAS, Cervical cancer is a disease that strikes over 2 3 13,000 American women each year; and WHEREAS, Cervical cancer most often affects women in the 4 5 prime of life; and 6 WHEREAS, Regular cervical cancer screening tests are 7 effective in detecting the disease early when it can be 8 effectively treated; and 9 WHEREAS, Cervical cancer disproportionately impacts 10 vulnerable communities lacking access to health care and 11 proven life-saving tools; and 12 WHEREAS, Cervical cancer screening tests and vaccines are available that together provide a formidable and effective 13 means of preventing this disease; and 14

- 15 WHEREAS, Increasing awareness among patients and 16 healthcare providers alike regarding the best use of these 17 prevention tools is a key component in safeguarding women's 18 health; therefore, be it
- 19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

- 1 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- we declare January 2023 as Cervical Health Awareness Month in
- 3 the State of Illinois; and be it further

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4 RESOLVED, That we encourage all citizens to recognize that

5 cervical cancer is preventable and to encourage the women in

their lives to avail themselves of the tests and vaccines that

have proven so effective in preventing cervical cancer, as we

have the means to prevent this disease, and it is incumbent on

9 all of us to insure we have the will to do so.