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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Variants of the SCN2A gene are the leading  
3 single-gene cause of neurodevelopmental disorders such as  
4 autism, childhood seizures, and intellectual disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, SCN2A disorders are also associated with a  
6 spectrum of syndromes ranging from severe, life-threatening  
7 conditions to developmental delays, including sleep  
8 disturbances, gastrointestinal dysfunctions, movement  
9 disorders, pain, and dysautonomia; and

10 WHEREAS, Research predicts that approximately one in 9,000  
11 people will be diagnosed with SCN2A-related disorders; and

12 WHEREAS, While SCN2A-related disorders can be easily  
13 identified by DNA testing, SCN2A-related disorders frequently  
14 go undetected due to a lack of awareness, even within the  
15 medical community; and

16 WHEREAS, The field of study of SCN2A-related disorders is  
17 growing, but additional studies are needed to develop  
18 therapies and treatments; and

19 WHEREAS, International SCN2A Awareness Day is held  
20 annually on February 24th; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we declare February 24, 2024 as SCN2A Awareness Day in the  
4 State of Illinois; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That we encourage all residents of Illinois to  
6 support any related activities and wear purple, blue, or green  
7 on this day to bring awareness of these disorders and the need  
8 for treatment.