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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Duchenne muscular dystrophy affects approximately
3 one out of every 5,000 live male births; and

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WHEREAS, Globally, 20,000 children are diagnosed with
5 Duchenne muscular dystrophy each year; and

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WHEREAS, There are an estimated 15,000 people in the U.S.
7 living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy; and

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WHEREAS, With increased funding for research and rapidly
9 improving treatments, people with Duchenne muscular dystrophy
10 have more hope than before; however, there is currently no
11 cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy; and

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WHEREAS, Earlier diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy
13 in children could improve health outcomes for those affected;
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WHEREAS, Symptoms of Duchenne muscular dystrophy include
16 progressive loss of strength and function in the hips, thighs,
17 shoulders, pelvis, arms, lower legs, and trunk; later in life,
18 strength in the muscles of the heart and lungs, heart
19 function, and breathing are also affected; and

1 WHEREAS, Newborn screening will improve health outcomes
2 for children with Duchenne muscular dystrophy; therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we declare September 7, 2024 as Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
7 Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 presented to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD) with our
10 sincere appreciation for their efforts to address Duchenne
11 muscular dystrophy.