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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, There are more than 300 medically recognized
3 headache diseases, including cluster headaches and migraine;
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WHEREAS, Migraine is a genetic, neurobiological disease
6 characterized by episodes known as attacks; and

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8 WHEREAS, Headache diseases impact one in four households
9 in the United States, with more than 42 million Americans
10 living with headache diseases, including approximately four
11 million who have chronic migraine, meaning they experience 15
or more migraine attacks each month; and

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13 WHEREAS, Headache diseases are three to four times more
14 prevalent in women, and Native/Indigenous communities have the
15 highest prevalence of disabling headaches in the United
States; and

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17 WHEREAS, Significant disparities in diagnosis, treatment,
18 and outcomes for headache diseases persist, particularly
19 affecting Black, Hispanic, and Native/Indigenous populations
who face underdiagnosis and inadequate treatment; and

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WHEREAS, It is estimated that 40 to 50% of persons living

1 with migraine disease are undiagnosed; and

2 WHEREAS, Migraine is the second leading cause of global
3 disability, and notably one of the most disabling for women
4 under 50 years old; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately one in 1,000 people in the United
6 States live with cluster headache disease, medically referred
7 to as one of the most painful conditions a human can
8 experience; and

9 WHEREAS, Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have
10 two to four times the incidence of migraine compared to the
11 general population, likely due to Traumatic Brain Injuries
12 (TBI), and posttraumatic headache occurs in up to 92% of
13 military personnel who have sustained mild TBIs; and

14 WHEREAS, Headache diseases are an economic issue, costing
15 U.S. companies upwards of \$78 billion dollars each year in
16 direct and indirect costs; and

17 WHEREAS, The effects of headache diseases are experienced
18 on a spectrum, presenting with significantly different levels
19 of intensity, frequency, and disability; and

20 WHEREAS, Migraine disease impacts all systems of the body,

1 and symptoms may include intense pain, nausea and vomiting,
2 sensitivity to light, sound, smell, and touch, visual
3 disturbances, tinnitus, chills, fatigue, anomic aphasia, or
4 trouble finding words, impaired cognitive function, and
5 numbness and weakness, lasting for four to 72 hours on
6 average; and

7 WHEREAS, Stigma and misinformation related to headache
8 disease have stifled research and advances in treatment; and

9 WHEREAS, All persons living with headache diseases deserve
10 fair, equal, timely, and affordable access to new and
11 innovative treatments to live their lives to their fullest
12 potential; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we declare the month of June 2024 as Migraine and Headache
16 Awareness Month in the State of Illinois.