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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

8 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

12 WHEREAS, Earlier diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy
13 in children could improve health outcomes for those affected;
14 and

15 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 SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare September
6 7, 2024 as Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day in the
7 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.