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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program
3 serves as a clinical tool to assist medical providers to better
4 serve their patients while maximizing safety; the Program, in
5 accordance with the enactment of Public Act 91-0576, began
6 electronically collecting information on controlled substances
7 dispensed in the State of Illinois on April 1, 2000; and

8 WHEREAS, The goal of the Illinois Prescription Monitoring
9 Program is to assist prescribers and pharmacists in the
10 effective treatment of patients seeking medical care, and the
11 Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program website allows
12 prescribers and pharmacists to view a current or prospective
13 patient's prescription history; and

14 WHEREAS, The Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program has
15 expanded its commitment to service and improved healthcare
16 outcomes by helping prevent the misuse, abuse, and diversion of
17 controlled substance medications; and

18 WHEREAS, The Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program is a
19 component of and managed by the Illinois Department of Human
20 Services and, through the services of the Illinois Prescription
21 Monitoring Program, has improved the ability to serve
22 healthcare providers in augmenting the effectiveness of

1 patient care while similarly successfully helping to reduce
2 healthcare costs and dramatically improve patient safety; and

3 WHEREAS, The access to the Illinois Prescription
4 Monitoring Program website is available to physicians,
5 pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, physician assistants,
6 and advanced practice nurses, as well as other prescribers and
7 dispensers; and

8 WHEREAS, Last year, the Illinois Prescription Monitoring
9 Program collected 16.4 million prescription records; 22,000
10 prescribers and dispensers referred to its clinical data on a
11 regular basis; and

12 WHEREAS, Illinois is a participating state in the evolving
13 national program of Prescription Monitoring Program services
14 through the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to
15 facilitate interstate sharing of data with other participating
16 states on the "Interconnect"; and

17 WHEREAS, Using the Illinois Prescription Monitoring
18 Program website is voluntary, free to registrants, provides
19 fully functional availability for mobile devices, and is
20 accessible 24 hours per day and 7 days a week to provide
21 immediate access to patient prescription history; and

1 WHEREAS, The Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program is
2 built on the foundation of improving healthcare outcomes while
3 not denying information as needed to assist law enforcement and
4 placing paramount priority on HIPAA privacy requirements; and

5 WHEREAS, The use of the Illinois Prescription Monitoring
6 Program in the evaluation of a patient's controlled substance
7 history is a tool for prescribers and dispensers to incorporate
8 into their daily practice to prevent the accidental overdose or
9 potential drug interactions; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the month of April of 2014
13 as "Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program Month" in the
14 State of Illinois.