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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Tourette Syndrome Awareness
4 Month, being held from May 15 through June 15, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome is a neurological disorder
6 characterized by repetitive, stereotyped, involuntary
7 movements, and vocalizations called tics; and

8 WHEREAS, Early symptoms of Tourette Syndrome are typically
9 noticed first in childhood, with the average onset between the
10 ages of three and nine years of age; and

11 WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome occurs in people from all ethnic
12 groups; males are affected about three to four times more often
13 than females; and

14 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 200,000 Americans have the
15 most severe form of Tourette Syndrome, and as many as one in
16 100 exhibit milder and less complex symptoms such as chronic
17 motor or vocal tics; and

18 WHEREAS, Some of the symptoms of Tourette Syndrome include
19 simple motor tics that are sudden, brief, repetitive movements
20 that involve a limited number of muscle groups, including eye

1 blinking and other eye movements, facial grimacing, shoulder
2 shrugging, head or shoulder jerking, and simple vocalizations
3 might include repetitive throat-clearing, sniffing, or
4 grunting sounds; and

5 WHEREAS, Some of the more complex symptoms include
6 distinct, coordinated patterns of movements involving several
7 muscle groups, complex motor tics that might include facial
8 grimacing combined with a head twist and a shoulder shrug, and
9 other complex motor tics may actually appear purposeful,
10 including sniffing or touching objects, hopping, jumping,
11 bending, or twisting; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the Tourette Association of America,
13 May 15 through June 15 is Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month in
14 the United States in an effort to help raise awareness of this
15 condition and aid in the pursuit of research into this
16 syndrome; and

17 WHEREAS, There are five ways to participate in Tourette
18 Syndrome Awareness Month, including:

- 19 1) Joining a social media campaign to raise awareness of
20 Tourette Syndrome;
- 21 2) Participating in "Teal Tuesdays" by wearing teal;
- 22 3) Reaching out to local chapters or support groups to get

1 involved;
2 4) Reaching out to local legislators advocating for
3 Tourette Syndrome Awareness; and
4 5) By participating in a Team Tourette Awareness Walk;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 recognize Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month, being held from
9 May 15 through June 15, 2016 and declare May 31, 2016 as
10 Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Tourette Syndrome Association of Illinois as a
14 symbol our our respect and esteem.