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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Cholesterol is essential to the human body's
3 functioning; however, high LDL-C (bad cholesterol) can lead to
4 heart disease; and

5 WHEREAS, There are no warning signs of high cholesterol,
6 and the only way to find out one's total blood cholesterol is
7 through a lipoprotein profile blood test; and

8 WHEREAS, Hyperlipidemia occurs when there are too many
9 lipids in the blood, therefore causing high cholesterol and
10 high triglycerides; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association recommends
12 consulting a doctor to understand one's condition and then
13 determining a treatment that may include healthy diet choices
14 and exercise along with medication, depending on one's overall
15 risk; and

16 WHEREAS, Cholesterol Counts is an awareness program that
17 aims to have individuals take an active role in understanding
18 that there is more to be done to control high cholesterol and
19 encourages the conversation between patients and their
20 healthcare providers; and

1 WHEREAS, Encouraging Illinois residents to participate in
2 Cholesterol Counts can help monitor the overall cholesterol
3 statistics for Illinois and provide awareness for treatment;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Public Health already
6 encourages residents to get their blood cholesterol checked
7 during September, which is designated as National Cholesterol
8 Education Month; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize the importance of
12 encouraging Illinois residents to understand their cholesterol
13 testing results and coordinate treatment with their healthcare
14 provider; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Department of Public
16 Health to post a link providing access to
17 www.cholesterolcounts.com on its website under the Resources
18 section on its Cholesterol page; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Department of Public
20 Health to designate September 1, 2016 as Hyperlipidemia
21 Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 delivered to the Illinois Department of Public Health.