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1                               SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45  
2                               (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

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

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

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

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

17             WHEREAS, Cholesterol Counts is an awareness program that  
18             aims to have individuals take an active role in understanding  
19             that there is more to be done to control high cholesterol and  
20             encourages the conversation between patients and their  
21             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.takedowncholesterol.com](http://www.takedowncholesterol.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.