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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE RESOLUTION 237

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Resolution 237 by replacing
3 everything after the heading with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, Pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome
5 (PANS) and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder
6 associated with streptococcal infection (PANDAS) create the
7 sudden onset of obsessive-compulsive disorder in children,
8 causing previously healthy and emotionally adjusted children
9 to experience severe anxiety and emotional disturbances; and

10 WHEREAS, Children with PANS and PANDAS tend to manifest
11 some of the following symptoms: tics or other abnormal
12 movements, severe separation anxiety, generalized anxiety,
13 irritability, aggression, personality changes, ADHD, marked
14 deterioration in learning and school performance, and
15 developmental regression, including deterioration in
16 handwriting; and

1 WHEREAS, PANS is broader than PANDAS as it includes not
2 only disorders associated with a preceding infection, such as
3 Mycoplasma Pneumoniae, Mono, Lyme, viruses, and more, but also
4 acute onset non-infectious triggers, such as environmental
5 factors and metabolic dysfunction; treatment plans similar to
6 those for PANDAS should be attempted; and

7 WHEREAS, Children with PANS and PANDAS may experience
8 moderate to dramatic improvement with antibiotics, intravenous
9 immunoglobulin treatment, or plasmapheresis; and

10 WHEREAS, Researchers at the National Institute of Mental
11 Health are currently engaged in extensive research and testing
12 on how to effectively treat PANS and PANDAS; and

13 WHEREAS, Researchers at Moleculera Labs at the University
14 of Oklahoma have developed PANS and PANDAS blood testing
15 procedures; and

16 WHEREAS, The organization PANDAS/PANS Advocacy and Support
17 strives to build public awareness, educate medical providers
18 about the disorder and treatments for same, build support for
19 legislation involving the disorder, and provide support and
20 resources for families affected by PANDAS/PANS, in accordance
21 with section 501(c)(3); and

1 WHEREAS, The actual number of children suffering from PANS
2 and PANDAS has been estimated to be approximately one out of
3 every 50 children in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, PANS and PANDAS are likely to be as common as
5 pediatric cancer and pediatric diabetes; and

6 WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater public
7 awareness of this serious health issue; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the date
10 of October 9 of 2015 and 2016 as PANS and PANDAS Awareness Day
11 in the State of Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Wendy Nawara, President of PANDAS/PANS Advocacy
14 and Support of Illinois."