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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, KCNQ2 Encephalopathy is a form of neonatal
3 epileptic encephalopathy, first recognized in 2011, that
4 typically presents with seizures within the first week of life;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The number of undiagnosed children with KCNQ2
7 Epileptic Encephalopathy is predicted to be significantly
8 higher than the number of those currently diagnosed; and

9 WHEREAS, Diagnoses of KCNQ2 Encephalopathy can take months
10 or years and are often missed; and

11 WHEREAS, Seizures in children with KCNQ2 Encephalopathy
12 are often difficult to treat and can lead to lifelong
13 developmental delays; and

14 WHEREAS, Children with KCNQ2 Encephalopathy are at a
15 greater risk for sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP);
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Physicians believe early diagnosis and proper
18 treatment can lead to better outcomes for children with KCNQ2
19 Encephalopathy; and

1 WHEREAS, Researchers and physicians at the Ann & Robert H.
2 Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago are on the forefront of
3 research and treatment of children with KCNQ2 Encephalopathy;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Jack Pribaz Foundation, located in Wheaton, is
6 one of the few 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in the world
7 dedicated to KCNQ2 Encephalopathy research and awareness;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare March 1-7,
11 2018 as KCNQ2 Encephalopathy Awareness Week in the State of
12 Illinois; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we urge parents, physicians, and other
14 health care professionals to observe this week by educating
15 themselves on the symptoms, diagnoses, treatment, and impact of
16 KCNQ2 Encephalopathy and to join with the Ann & Robert H. Lurie
17 Children's Hospital of Chicago and the Jack Pribaz Foundation
18 in supporting programs of research and education; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
21 presented to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of
22 Chicago Division of Pediatric Epilepsy and the Jack Pribaz

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1 Foundation.