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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of Illinois House of Representatives  
3 wish to raise awareness surrounding the rare disease of spinal  
4 muscular atrophy; and

5 WHEREAS, Spinal muscular atrophy is a degenerative,  
6 genetic neurological condition that affects and prevents  
7 motor-control neurons from sending signals from the central  
8 nervous system to the body's muscles, causing the loss of  
9 muscle control and ultimately muscle wasting; and

10 WHEREAS, Spinal muscular atrophy is a rare genetic  
11 neuromuscular disease; and

12 WHEREAS, In the United States, an estimated one in 11,000  
13 babies are born with spinal muscular atrophy; and

14 WHEREAS, There are four types of spinal muscular atrophy,  
15 the most severe of which may require a ventilator and feeding  
16 tubes; and

17 WHEREAS, Spinal muscular atrophy affects everyone  
18 differently, and symptoms can vary greatly according to the  
19 age of onset and the severity of the disease; and

1           WHEREAS, Those who suffer from spinal muscular atrophy  
2           have normally developed brains and are bright, sensitive, and  
3           full of life despite their diagnosis; and

4           WHEREAS, Unlike many other rare neuromuscular diseases,  
5           there is a clear understanding of the specific genetic cause  
6           of spinal muscular atrophy; and

7           WHEREAS, Ongoing research offers the promise that a cure  
8           for spinal muscular atrophy may one day be found; and

9           WHEREAS, Increased awareness of spinal muscular atrophy  
10          will lead to increased knowledge and support for both disease  
11          research and the families affected by the disease; therefore,  
12          be it

13          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14          HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15          we declare the month of August 2026 as Spinal Muscular Atrophy  
16          Awareness Month in the State of Illinois, and we encourage  
17          continuing research on spinal muscular atrophy and community  
18          support for those affected by the disease.