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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Prader-Willi syndrome is a complex genetic  
3 disorder that occurs in approximately 1 out of every 15,000  
4 births and the most commonly known genetic cause of  
5 life-threatening obesity; and

6 WHEREAS, Prader-Willi syndrome affects males and females  
7 with equal frequency and affects all races and ethnicities;  
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9 WHEREAS, Prader-Willi syndrome causes an extreme and  
10 insatiable appetite, often resulting in morbid obesity, which  
11 is the major cause of death for individuals with the syndrome;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Prader-Willi syndrome also causes cognitive and  
14 learning disabilities as well as behavioral difficulties, such  
15 as obsessive-compulsive disorder and struggles with  
16 controlling emotions; and

17 WHEREAS, The hunger, metabolic, and behavioral  
18 characteristics of Prader-Willi syndrome force affected  
19 individuals to require constant and lifelong supervision in a  
20 controlled environment; and

1       WHEREAS, Studies have shown that there is a high morbidity  
2       and mortality rate for individuals with Prader-Willi syndrome;  
3       and

4       WHEREAS, There is no known cure for Prader-Willi syndrome;  
5       and

6       WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of Prader-Willi syndrome allows  
7       families to access treatment, intervention services, and  
8       support from health professionals, advocacy organizations, and  
9       other families who are dealing with the syndrome; and

10       WHEREAS, Recently discovered treatments, such as human  
11       growth hormone, are improving the quality of life for  
12       individuals with the syndrome and offer new hope to families,  
13       but many difficult symptoms associated with Prader-Willi  
14       syndrome remain untreated; and

15       WHEREAS, Increased research into Prader-Willi syndrome can  
16       lead to a better understanding of the disorder, more effective  
17       treatments, and an eventual cure for Prader-Willi syndrome;  
18       and

19       WHEREAS, Increased research into Prader-Willi syndrome is  
20       likely to improve our understanding of common public health  
21       concerns, including childhood obesity and mental health; and

1       WHEREAS, Advocacy organizations have designated May as  
2       National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month; therefore, be  
3       it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
5       ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 2025 as  
6       Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month in the State of  
7       Illinois; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That we express our support for raising  
9       awareness and educating the public about Prader-Willi Syndrome  
10      and increasing research and funding into the causes and  
11      treatments of the disease.