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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Celiac disease is one of the world's most  
3 prevalent genetic autoimmune diseases, affecting an estimated  
4 three million Americans, 70-80% of whom are undiagnosed; and

5 WHEREAS, Celiac disease causes the body to attack its own  
6 small intestine, which can lead to many other devastating  
7 health conditions, including cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, Celiac disease results in extraordinary economic  
9 and productivity costs to both the public and private sectors  
10 from employee and student absenteeism, as well as repeated,  
11 inconclusive visits to healthcare providers; and

12 WHEREAS, On average, it takes four years to be correctly  
13 diagnosed with celiac disease; and

14 WHEREAS, There is no medication or cure for celiac  
15 disease; the only treatment is a lifelong, strict gluten-free  
16 diet; and

17 WHEREAS, Studies show that up to 50% of people on a  
18 gluten-free diet continue to experience symptoms and have  
19 intestinal damage, revealing the ineffectiveness of the  
20 gluten-free diet as a treatment; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 2025 as  
3 Celiac Disease Awareness Month in the State of Illinois to  
4 raise public awareness of this serious condition; and be it  
5 further

6           RESOLVED, That we encourage support for improving the  
7 quality of life and health of individuals with celiac disease  
8 by advancing biomedical research to develop diagnostic tools,  
9 life-improving treatments, and a cure.