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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Nearly 28,000,000 people in the United States
3 have asthma, of which approximately 4,750,000 are children;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Over 1,100,000 adults and children in Illinois
6 have asthma; and

7 WHEREAS, Asthma's effects lead to 1,000,000 individuals
8 visiting emergency departments per year; and

9 WHEREAS, Asthma is one of the most common noncommunicable
10 diseases among children, and as a chronic disease among
11 children, it is a leading cause of hospitalizations and school
12 absences; and

13 WHEREAS, The total economic cost of asthma in the United
14 States was \$81,900,000,000 per year from 2008 to 2013, which
15 is approximately \$115,000,000,000 today when adjusted for
16 inflation; and

17 WHEREAS, Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous individuals in
18 the United States face the highest burden of asthma; and

19 WHEREAS, Asthma is a manageable disease that claimed the

1 lives of over 3,100 people in the United States in 2023 alone,
2 including 127 people in Illinois; and

3 WHEREAS, There exists a connection between asthma and food
4 allergies, as food allergies can trigger asthma symptoms; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 21,800,000 people in the United
6 States have food allergies, including about 3,900,000
7 children; and

8 WHEREAS, Children with food allergies are two to four
9 times more likely to have asthma or other allergic diseases;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Over the past 20 years, food allergies have
12 increased among children in the United States, with the
13 greatest increase being seen in Black children; and

14 WHEREAS, People with asthma and food allergies need access
15 to affordable health insurance and to the medications and
16 devices they need at affordable prices; and

17 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to designate the month of May
18 as Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 2026 as
2 Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month in the State of Illinois,
3 and we call upon all Illinoisans to observe the month with
4 appropriate ceremonies and activities.