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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2 3 report that one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of physical violence by an intimate 4 5 partner in their lifetime; and 6 WHEREAS, Domestic abuse is a repetitive pattern of 7 behaviors to maintain power and control over an intimate 8 partner; and 9 WHEREAS, More than three million children witness domestic 10 violence in their homes each year; and 11 WHEREAS, An estimated one-half of women in abusive 12 relationships in the United States are physically injured by 13 their partner; and WHEREAS, Domestic violence costs more than \$37 billion a 14 15 year in law enforcement involvement, legal assistance, medical 16 and mental health treatment, and lost employee productivity; 17 and 18 WHEREAS, Organizations such as the National Domestic 19 Violence Hotline and the National Coalition Against Domestic 20 Violence have worked to educate, counsel, and help communities

- 1 affected by domestic violence; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from
- 3 the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and was conceived by
- 4 the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Since 1989, October has been designated as
- 6 National Domestic Violence Month; and
- WHEREAS, With violence increasing in our schools, on our
- 8 streets, and in our homes, ending it should be a top priority
- 9 for everyone; therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 11 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 12 we recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in
- October of 2021 and support and commend the efforts of those
- 14 people and organizations who work tirelessly to help victims
- 15 break free of the devastating effects of domestic abuse and
- 16 work to ameliorate this scourge on society, thereby creating
- 17 safer communities for all.