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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The month of May is nationally recognized as
3 Hepatitis Awareness Month thanks to the Know More Hepatitis
4 campaign initiative developed by the U.S. Centers for Disease
5 Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Viral Hepatitis;
6 the campaign was designed to increase awareness about the
7 hidden epidemic that affects the lives of so many; and

8 WHEREAS, Anyone can contract Hepatitis C, and baby boomers
9 are five times more susceptible to the virus; Hepatitis C is
10 particularly dangerous because the symptoms do not manifest
11 upon contraction or, in some cases, in more advanced stages;
12 this unfortunately leads to individuals being unaware of their
13 infection; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the Illinois Department of Public
15 Health, there were 80,068 cases of chronic or resolved
16 Hepatitis C virus infections reported from 2005 to 2015, with
17 171 other cases reported to be acute forms of the infection; of
18 those infected in Illinois, over half were between the ages of
19 46 and 60; and

20 WHEREAS, Various private and public organizations, such as
21 the American Liver Foundation, the Illinois State Medical
22 Society, the Chicago Department of Public Health, the Illinois

1 Department of Public Health, and the CDC, have championed
2 efforts to raise awareness and to find solutions to the
3 problems resulting from the Hepatitis C virus in Illinois and
4 across the country; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we declare May 19, 2021 as "Hepatitis C Screening Day" in the
8 State of Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 delivered to the Governor, all Illinois constitutional
11 officers, and all members of the Illinois General Assembly in
12 order to bring further awareness of the prevalence of the
13 Hepatitis C virus in our State and around the country.