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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month and a time to
3 emphasize that gun violence is a women's issue that
4 disproportionately impacts women of color; and

5 WHEREAS, As victims and survivors, women have been forced
6 to advocate on the front lines to save their communities and
7 their families from unspeakable tragedy; and

8 WHEREAS, Women in the U.S. are 11 times more likely to be
9 murdered with a gun than in other peer nations; and

10 WHEREAS, Black women are twice as likely to be fatally
11 shot by an intimate partner; younger Black women, between the
12 ages of 18 and 34, are at the greatest risk and are nearly
13 three times more likely to be shot and killed by an intimate
14 partner than white women in the same age group; and

15 WHEREAS, Illinois' gun violence epidemic reached historic
16 levels in 2020, and women were directly impacted; in Chicago
17 alone, 65% more women were shot or killed in acts of gun
18 violence than in 2019; and

19 WHEREAS, Domestic violence in Illinois increased 16% in
20 2020; the risk of homicide for victims of domestic violence is

1 5 times higher when there is a gun in the home; and

2 WHEREAS, Not only are Illinois women likely to be victims
3 of gun violence but so are their children; and

4 WHEREAS, In Illinois, firearms are the leading cause of
5 death for children and teens; and

6 WHEREAS, These sobering statistics highlight why gun
7 violence is a women's issue and needs to be addressed;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we support and will enact policies that are based in equity to
12 keep women and children in Illinois safe from gun violence and
13 that will lead to healthier communities.