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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Burn injuries continue to be one of the leading
3 causes of accidental death and injury in our nation;
4 tragically, children, the elderly, and the disabled are
5 especially vulnerable to burn injuries, and almost one-third
6 of all burn injuries occur in children under the age of 15; and

7 WHEREAS, In the United States, the Centers for Disease
8 Control and Prevention (CDC) reported 276,086 people received
9 medical care for treatment of unintentional burn injuries in
10 2020 with 3,028 deaths resulting from fire and smoke
11 inhalation; according to information gathered from the
12 American Burn Association registry from 87 different
13 hospitals, 91,875 people were treated in hospitals for
14 burn-related injuries with 32% of those being for scalds; and

15 WHEREAS, Compared to the overall population, children
16 under five were two times as likely to be seen for burn
17 injuries at a hospital emergency department; young adults from
18 the ages of 20 to 29 had 1.4 times the risk, and those in the
19 30-39 age group had 1.3 times the risk of the general
20 population; and

21 WHEREAS, The primary causes of burn injury include
22 fire-flame, scalds, and coming into contact with hot objects,

1 electricity, and chemicals; most of the injuries occur in the
2 home; today, 96.8% of those who suffer burn injuries will
3 survive; unfortunately, many of those survivors will sustain
4 serious scarring, lifelong physical disabilities, and
5 adjustment difficulties; and

6 WHEREAS, National Burn Awareness Week, an initiative of
7 the American Burn Association, is a coming together of burn,
8 fire, and life safety educators to make the public aware of the
9 frequency, devastation, and causes of burn injury as well as
10 the consistent and authoritative measures to prevent these
11 injuries and how to best care for those that are injured; and

12 WHEREAS, The theme for 2023 National Burn Awareness Week
13 is "Scalds: Hot Liquids Burn Like Fire" due to a common risk of
14 burn injury existing from hot liquids, steam, and hot bath
15 water; and

16 WHEREAS, Significant research and medical advances have
17 dramatically improved burn care and treatment, aided
18 rehabilitation, shortened hospital stays, and increased burn
19 survival rates; aftercare support for the physical and
20 emotional effects of burns has also played a key role in the
21 successful reintegration of burn survivors into our
22 communities; furthermore, burn safety education and prevention
23 efforts continue to reduce the number of people who suffer

1 burns each year; and

2 WHEREAS, Many people devote their lives and careers to
3 treating, caring for, and supporting rehabilitating burn
4 injury survivors, including those performing vital work in
5 burn research and development, the dedicated firefighters who
6 risk their own lives every day to protect others, burn
7 foundations, and other life safety professionals who promote
8 burn injury awareness and prevention; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we declare February 5 through February 11, 2023 as Burn
12 Awareness Week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we urge all government agencies, fire, life
14 safety, and health care organizations, communications media,
15 and the people of Illinois to observe this week with the
16 appropriate ceremonies and activities.