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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) is a chronic cardiovascular disease involving thickening of the heart muscle and can potentially lead to debilitating symptoms and serious complications, including heart failure, atrial fibrillation, stroke, and, in rare cases, sudden cardiac death; and

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WHEREAS, HCM is the most common inheritable heart disease and can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or ethnicity with a reported prevalence ranging from 1 in 200 to 1 in 500 in the general population; and

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WHEREAS, An estimated 700,000 to 1,650,000 people in the United States have HCM, yet 85% of them may remain undiagnosed; and

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WHEREAS, HCM shares symptoms with other common cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases, including shortness of breath, chest pain, fatigue, palpitations, and fainting; this makes it difficult to distinguish HCM from these other diseases; and

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WHEREAS, All-cause mortality risk is three to four times higher in patients with HCM than that of the general

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1 population; and

2 WHEREAS, Knowing one's medical history and any signs and  
3 symptoms of HCM are important first steps in receiving an  
4 accurate diagnosis of HCM; and

5 WHEREAS, A healthcare provider must conduct a thorough  
6 screening with cardiac health questions to help identify a  
7 risk of both genetic and congenital cardiac disorders; and

8 WHEREAS, A healthcare provider may conduct several tests,  
9 including an echocardiogram, a cardiac MRI, or genetic  
10 testing, to confirm a family history of HCM and must examine  
11 the heart to diagnose HCM; and

12 WHEREAS, Following a diagnosis of HCM, it is important for  
13 patients to work with their healthcare provider to learn more  
14 about their disease and understand different management  
15 options, including prescription medicines and surgical  
16 treatment options that may help; and

17 WHEREAS, The fourth Wednesday in February is an  
18 appropriate day to observe Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy  
19 Awareness Day; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we declare February 22, 2023 as Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy  
3 Awareness Day in the State of Illinois in order to raise public  
4 awareness about hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a serious public  
5 health issue; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we acknowledge the critical importance of  
7 hypertrophic cardiomyopathy awareness to improve  
8 cardiovascular health in the state and support raising  
9 awareness of the consequences of undiagnosed and untreated  
10 hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and of the need to seek  
11 appropriate care for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That we respectfully urge the Governor to issue  
14 an annual proclamation recognizing the fourth Wednesday in  
15 February as Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness Day and call  
16 upon the people of Illinois to observe the day with  
17 appropriate programs and activities.