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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Asthma is a chronic lung disease that impacts
3 25.2 million people in the United States, including 4.2
4 million children; and

5 WHEREAS, An estimated 188,519 children and 832,244 adults
6 in the State of Illinois suffer from asthma; and

7 WHEREAS, Asthma is a leading cause of childhood
8 hospitalizations in Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, Asthma symptoms are severely worsened by
10 environmental triggers, such as secondhand smoke, allergens,
11 and outdoor air pollution caused by industrial sources and
12 motor vehicle emissions; and

13 WHEREAS, In Illinois, data regarding asthma reveals
14 significant disparities; the asthma mortality rate is 5.5
15 times higher for Black Illinoisans than white Illinoisans;
16 substantially higher asthma rates are reported in Grundy,
17 Edwards, Hamilton, Logan, and Wabash Counties than the state
18 rate; substantially higher asthma-related hospitalizations are
19 reported in several counties, including Cook, Hardin,
20 Kankakee, Peoria, Pope, Sangamon, Will, and Vermilion; and

1 WHEREAS, Guidelines-based care for asthma sufferers
2 improves health outcomes, including the quality and affordable
3 healthcare coverage that provides access to and appropriate
4 use of medications and treatments, the reimbursement for
5 community health workers, asthma educators, and others in
6 Illinois who can provide key environmental assessments and
7 education, the expansion of in-home environmental education
8 and interventions, the promotion of tobacco-free environments
9 and coverage for smoking cessation products and counseling,
10 the expanded access to undesignated Albuterol for schools
11 through education of stakeholder groups, such as students,
12 parents, school staff, pediatric clinicians, and pharmacists,
13 and the annual state funding that provides adequate coverage
14 to implement Single Maintenance and Reliever Therapy (SMART),
15 the utilization of guidelines-based medications and other
16 treatments for individuals that provide medical assistance
17 program coverage for valved holding chambers and
18 self-management education, and the universal alignment of
19 Medicaid coverage across plans within the State; and

20 WHEREAS, The month of May has been designated as Asthma
21 Awareness Month and the date of May 2, 2023 has been declared
22 World Asthma Day; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
24 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we declare May 2023 as Asthma Awareness Month in the State of
2 Illinois; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That we support the 2021-2026 Illinois Asthma
4 State Plan, which strives to improve and expand asthma care,
5 education, and self-management strategies in Illinois; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
8 delivered to the American Lung Association in Illinois and the
9 Respiratory Health Association.