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2 WHEREAS, Cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer) is a rare 3 form of cancer that originates from the cells lining the bile 4 ducts that play a key role in digestion; there are three types 5 of this cancer, intrahepatic, extrahepatic, and perihilar; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 12,000 Americans are diagnosed each year with cholangiocarcinoma, with numbers increasing yearly, and the mortality rate has increased dramatically in the last decade; and

WHEREAS, Patients are typically diagnosed at a late stage due to the lack of a validated early method of detection; symptoms of jaundice, abdominal pain, itchy skin, and weight loss are symptoms that do not usually present until advanced disease progression; and

WHEREAS, Cholangiocarcinoma is a rare cancer; of the top eight deadliest cancers, seven are rare; rare cancers have a five-year survival rate under 50%, with the cholangiocarcinoma five-year survival rate being approximately 20%; and

19 WHEREAS, There is currently no cure for 20 cholangiocarcinoma/bile duct cancer; and 1 WHEREAS, Kelly green is the color representing

- 2 cholangiocarcinoma/bile duct cancer awareness; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Foundations, research and teaching hospitals,
- 4 rare cancer advocate groups, and patient advocate groups from
- 5 around the globe have joined together to recognize February
- 6 18, 2024 as World Cholangiocarcinoma Day; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Increased cholangiocarcinoma advocacy,
- 8 awareness, research, and education will bring improved
- 9 outcomes for patients in earlier detection and treatment and
- 10 potential curative methods; therefore, be it
- 11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 13 we recognize February 18, 2024 as being World
- 14 Cholangiocarcinoma Day.