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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, About 20% of people, amounting to approximately
3 66 million Americans, live with a condition which could be
4 considered an invisible disability; and

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WHEREAS, Nearly half of Americans are living with a
6 chronic medical condition, totaling 165 million people;
7 invisible disabilities include disabilities, chronic
8 illnesses, chronic pain, and injuries, and they may impact
9 people in the form of minor impairments to completely
10 disabling; and

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WHEREAS, As created and defined by the Invisible
12 Disabilities Association (IDA), the term "invisible
13 disabilities" distinguishes disabilities not readily apparent
14 based upon just looking at someone, leading this person to
15 fight a battle seldom acknowledged by the outside world; and

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WHEREAS, Without the obvious signs of disability, many of
17 those with invisible disabilities are accused of faking and
18 exaggerating their conditions, translating into a lack of
19 funding, accommodations, medical resources, medical diagnoses,
20 and overall support for those with invisible disabilities; and

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WHEREAS, The IDA strives to encourage, educate, and

1 connect people and organizations touched by illness, pain, and
2 disability; with the help of the IDA, the world can become a
3 place where people living with illness, pain, and disability
4 will no longer be invisible; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare October 20
7 through October 26, 2024 as Invisible Disabilities Week in the
8 State of Illinois.