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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Research indicates that one in three women in the
3 United States experience domestic violence; that means
4 approximately 1.67 million women in Illinois experience
5 domestic violence at least once; and

6 WHEREAS, During the State of Illinois 2017 fiscal year, 50
7 agencies funded by the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic
8 Violence reported that services were provided to 41,243 adults
9 who were accompanied by 8,000 children; a total of 61% of those
10 adults seeking services had between one and three accompanying
11 children; 3,122 children were provided overnight shelter; of
12 the children served, 71% were younger than 10 years of age;
13 another 3,670 children were denied shelter along with their
14 accompanying adult because of lack of beds; the 41,243 adults
15 received 358,774 hours of service in counseling, advocacy,
16 support in the courts, and economic self-sufficiency support;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, A study of low-income preschoolers finds that
19 children who have been exposed to family violence suffer
20 symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, such as
21 bed-wetting or nightmares, and are at greater risk than their
22 peers of having allergies, asthma, gastrointestinal problems,
23 headaches, and flu; children of mothers who experience prenatal

1 physical domestic violence are at an increased risk of
2 exhibiting aggressive, anxious, depressed, and hyperactive
3 behavior; females who are exposed to their parents' domestic
4 violence as adolescents are significantly more likely to become
5 victims of dating violence than daughters of nonviolent
6 parents; and

7 WHEREAS, Children who experience childhood trauma,
8 including witnessing incidents of domestic violence, are at a
9 greater risk of having serious adult health problems including
10 tobacco use, substance abuse, obesity, cancer, heart disease,
11 and depression; they also have a higher risk of having an
12 unintended pregnancy; and

13 WHEREAS, Physical abuse during childhood increases the
14 risk of future victimization among women and the risk of future
15 perpetration of abuse by men more than two-fold; and

16 WHEREAS, Domestic violence has become a national emergency
17 and state agencies are overwhelmed simply trying to respond to
18 what is happening, which leaves almost no resources or time to
19 work toward prevention; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 declare domestic violence a public health priority for the

1 State of Illinois and we urge the state to make available all
2 necessary resources to combat this epidemic; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
4 delivered to Governor Rauner and all members of the General
5 Assembly.