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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 2018, the American Cancer Society estimates
3 more than 600,000 people will lose their lives to cancer in the
4 United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that 24,670
6 people in Illinois will die from cancer in 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute estimates up to
8 210,000 deaths in the United States could be avoided with early
9 and appropriate cancer screening; and

10 WHEREAS, The cancer death rate dropped 26% between 1991 and
11 2014 due to reductions in smoking and advances in early
12 detection and treatment; and

13 WHEREAS, Specifically, according to the American Cancer
14 Society, the five-year relative survival rate for cancers found
15 at the local stage are approximately 56% for lung cancers, 90%
16 for colon and rectum cancers, 92% for cervical cancers, 99% for
17 breast cancers, and 99% for melanoma skin cancers; and

18 WHEREAS, Many of these cancers are often preventable; early
19 detection and treatment are critical as cancer does not always
20 cause symptoms and many occur in people with no family history;

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2 WHEREAS, Specific cancer types disproportionately affect
3 different populations; for example, breast cancer is the most
4 common form of cancer among black women, prostate cancer rates
5 in black men are double those of other men, and the likelihood
6 of developing colorectal cancer for Alaska natives is about
7 double that of other Americans; cervical cancer is more
8 prevalent among Hispanic and African American women; two out of
9 three people diagnosed with lung cancer are 65 or older;
10 melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, is among the most
11 common cancers in young adults; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control
13 and Prevention, rates of screening for many cancer types in
14 recommended populations remain substantially below Healthy
15 People 2020 targets; and

16 WHEREAS, It is critical to reinforce the need for people to
17 discuss their individual risk factors for cancer with their
18 healthcare providers and understand the recommendations for,
19 and benefits of, cancer screening; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that all citizens are
22 encouraged to visit cancerscreenweek.org for cancer screening

1 resources and talk to their healthcare providers about their
2 risk factors for all cancer types including, but not limited
3 to, breast, cervical, colon, lung, prostate, and skin cancers
4 and recommended screening options; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we declare the first week of December of
6 2018 as "Cancer Screen Week".