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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 1135

2 WHEREAS, Heroin addiction continues to be a serious and
3 deadly problem in the State of Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, Heroin accounts for one-quarter of substance
5 related treatment admissions in Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly 4% of youths reported using heroin in 2013;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, 681 deaths were caused by heroin overdoses in
9 2014; and

10 WHEREAS, Illinois still heavily relies on the 12-step
11 program to address heroin and over 300 other types of
12 addictions; and

13 WHEREAS, Study after study has proven that 12-step programs
14 have a poor success rate of only between 5% and 10%; and

15 WHEREAS, Twelve-step programs have a dropout rate of 95%
16 after one year in the program; and

17 WHEREAS, Treatment models using behavioral science have
18 shown a great deal of promise in many medical and mental health

1 circles; and

2 WHEREAS, Countless loved ones have had to endure the pain
3 and heartache associated with heroin addiction; and

4 WHEREAS, With 12-step programs having such low success
5 rates action must be taken to save lives from heroin and other
6 addictions; and

7 WHEREAS, A new treatment method that meets the needs of the
8 addicted and that uses a behavioral methodology to better
9 foster heroin addiction recovery is urgently needed;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 encourage the Illinois Department of Human Services to address
14 heroin addiction and implement evidence-based practices for
15 medication-assisted treatment services that meet the needs of
16 the addicted in Illinois; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That we designate November 4, 2016 as Heroin
18 Addiction Awareness Day in the State of Illinois; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 presented to Governor Rauner, Secretary-designate of the
2 Illinois Department of Human Services James T. Dimas, and Kari
3 Karidis.