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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Talented Tenth Social Services is a
3 community-based organization dedicated to educating,
4 empowering, and uplifting youth and families through
5 leadership development, culturally responsive programming, and
6 community engagement; and

7 WHEREAS, Project Altogether, an after-school program of
8 Talented Tenth Social Services sponsored by the Dunham
9 Foundation, provides a platform for East Aurora School
10 District 131 students in grades 6 through 8 to identify
11 community needs, practice leadership, and create meaningful
12 impact; and

13 WHEREAS, Recognizing the critical and growing need for
14 youth mental health awareness, the students of Project
15 Altogether developed the Youth Minds Matter initiative to
16 promote understanding, encourage open dialogue, and remind
17 young people that they are not alone; and

18 WHEREAS, As a symbol of their commitment, Project
19 Altogether students designed the Youth Minds Matter ribbon,
20 featuring green and white to represent mental health
21 awareness, healing, hope, and community support; and

1 WHEREAS, Youth Minds Matter includes the creation of the
2 Mental Health Gallery website, a digital platform for creative
3 expression where students share artwork, poetry, and
4 reflections on anxiety, depression, and resilience, while
5 providing essential educational resources and crisis support
6 for families; and

7 WHEREAS, The initiative further includes the establishment
8 of Youth Minds Matter Spirit Week, which was created by the
9 young leaders of Project Altogether as a district-wide event
10 focused on promoting kindness, self-care, healthy coping
11 strategies, and mental health education; and

12 WHEREAS, Youth Minds Matter demonstrates the
13 transformative power of youth leadership in reducing stigma
14 and fostering empathy, embodying the principle that strong
15 minds lead to strong communities; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we declare April 13 through April 19, 2026 as Youth Minds
19 Matter Spirit Week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we recognize the students of Project
21 Altogether and Talented Tenth Social Services for their
22 leadership and dedication to the well-being of their peers and

1 the residents of Illinois; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Talented Tenth Social Services as a symbol of our
4 esteem and respect.