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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Muscular dystrophy is a group of genetic diseases that cause progressive muscle weakness and degeneration of skeletal muscles; and

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WHEREAS, There are more than 30 distinct forms of muscular dystrophy, which vary in age of onset, severity, and progression and affect individuals across the lifespan; and

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WHEREAS, All forms of muscular dystrophy are progressive and may lead to significant mobility limitations, loss of independence, and impacts on quality of life for individuals and families; and

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WHEREAS, A comprehensive awareness month would ensure that individuals living with less common forms of muscular dystrophy are represented; and

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WHEREAS, September is recognized nationally and globally as Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month by leading health and advocacy organizations; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare September 2026 as Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month in the State of

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1 Illinois to raise awareness of all forms of muscular dystrophy
2 and to encourage education, public understanding, and
3 continued research related to the many subtypes of muscular
4 dystrophy.