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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Genetic counselors empower patients and their  
3 families with vital healthcare information, guidance, and  
4 emotional support to help them understand their family  
5 history, evaluate genetic testing options, and make informed  
6 choices based on test results; and

7 WHEREAS, There are more than 150 certified genetic  
8 counselors working in prenatal, fertility, pediatric,  
9 metabolic, cardiovascular, neurological, and cancer care in  
10 Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, Many people benefit from increased genetic  
12 sequencing research and genetic counseling, including  
13 individuals with a condition linked to a specific gene or  
14 those who have a family history of an inherited disease; and

15 WHEREAS, The 5,000 genetic counselors across the country  
16 streamline the healthcare industry by ensuring the right tests  
17 are being ordered, avoiding costly and unnecessary expenses  
18 and tests, by helping patients and providers understand  
19 complex test results and how to best use this information, by  
20 helping consult with potential parents on the intimidating  
21 prospect of passing on inherited diseases, by sharing  
22 information with family members, and by providing

1 recommendations for community support services; therefore, be  
2 it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare November  
5 12, 2026 as Genetic Counselor Appreciation Day in the State of  
6 Illinois; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we recognize that the sequencing of the  
8 human genome is one of the most significant scientific  
9 accomplishments in the past 100 years and express our support  
10 for genetic counselors, who are using this research to improve  
11 the lives of many throughout the State.