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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

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WHEREAS, Domestic abuse is a repetitive pattern of behaviors to maintain power and control over an intimate partner; and

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WHEREAS, More than three million children witness domestic violence in their homes each year; and

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WHEREAS, An estimated one-half of women in abusive relationships in the United States are physically injured by their partner; and

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WHEREAS, Domestic violence costs more than \$37 billion a year in law enforcement involvement, legal assistance, medical and mental health treatment, and lost employee productivity; and

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WHEREAS, Organizations such as the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence have worked to educate, counsel, and help communities

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1 affected by domestic violence; and

2 WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from
3 the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and was conceived by
4 the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 1989, October has been designated as
6 National Domestic Violence Month; and

7 WHEREAS, With violence increasing in our schools, on our
8 streets, and in our homes, ending it should be a top priority
9 for everyone; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we declare October of 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness
13 Month and support and commend the efforts of the people and
14 organizations who work tirelessly to help victims break free
15 of the devastating effects of domestic abuse and work to
16 ameliorate this scourge on society, thereby creating safer
17 communities for all.