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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

WHEREAS, There are over 150 certified genetic counselors
in Illinois working in prenatal, fertility, pediatrics,
metabolic, cardiovascular, neurology, and cancer care; and

WHEREAS, Many people benefit from increased genetic sequencing research and genetic counseling, including anyone with a condition linked to a specific gene or anyone who has a family history of an inherited disease; and

WHEREAS, The 5,000 genetic counselors across the country streamline the healthcare industry by ensuring the right tests are being ordered, avoiding costly and unnecessary costs and tests, by helping patients and providers understand complex test results and how to best use this information, by helping consult with potential parents on the intimidating potential of passing on inherited diseases, by sharing information with family members, and by providing recommendations for community support services; therefore, be it

- 1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
  2 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
  3 we declare November 13, 2025 as "Genetic Counselor Awareness
  4 Day" in the State of Illinois, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That we recognize that the sequencing of the human genome is one of the most significant scientific accomplishments of the past hundred years and express our support for genetic counselors, who are using this research to improve the lives of many throughout the State.