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A BILL

To enact section 5.29 of the Revised Code to 1
designate September as "Pain Awareness Month." 2

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5.29 of the Revised Code be 3
enacted to read as follows: 4

Sec. 5.29. The month of September is designated as "Pain 5
Awareness Month" to raise public awareness and understanding of 6
physical pain and pain management. 7

Section 2. In declaring September "Pain Awareness Month" 8
by the enactment of section 5.29 of the Revised Code, the 9
General Assembly recognizes that physical pain affects tens of 10
millions of Americans and that untreated or inadequately treated 11
pain can diminish quality of life and result in economic loss to 12
Ohio through medical expenses, lost wages, reduced productivity, 13
and other costs. The General Assembly considers increasing 14
public awareness of physical pain and promoting access to 15

appropriate pain treatment for all Ohioans vital to reducing 16
suffering and removing barriers to pain-free living. 17