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A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Asthma Peak Week, September 15-21, 2024.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, According to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 25 million people in the United States have asthma, a long-term disease that causes a person's airways to become swollen and inflamed, making it difficult to breathe; and

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WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Health reports that over 1.1 million adults and children in Ohio have asthma; and

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WHEREAS, The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) asserts that the burden of asthma in the United States falls disproportionately on people with low income, senior adults, and Black, Hispanic, and American Indian/Alaska Native people; and

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WHEREAS, CDC data show that asthma is responsible for nearly five million doctors' office visits and one million emergency department visits each year; and

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WHEREAS, That same data indicate that ten people in the United States die each day from asthma; and

WHEREAS, CDC researchers found that, from 2008 to 2013, economic costs of asthma include \$3 billion as a result of missed days of work, \$29 billion due to asthma-related mortality, and \$50 billion in medical costs; and

WHEREAS, The AAFA highlights that many people lead healthy lives with asthma if the disease is well-managed, including with a treatment plan developed with a medical professional; and

WHEREAS, The AAFA notes that every September, asthma hospital visits rise, with the third week of the month being the worst due to fall allergies caused by ragweed and mold and exposure to respiratory illnesses and other asthma triggers as children return to school; and

WHEREAS, This week is often referred to as "Asthma Peak Week"; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize the week of September 15-21, 2024, as Asthma Peak Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the purpose of Asthma Peak Week is to raise awareness of the impact of asthma and to call attention to treatment and management options for this long-term disease; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio.