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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month is being
2 observed in March 2023 to focus attention on hemophilia and other
3 hereditary bleeding disorders, which impact the lives of some three
4 million Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, Bleeding disorders are characterized by the body's
6 inability to form proper blood clots, which occurs due to defects in
7 platelets, clotting proteins, or blood vessels; although these
8 diseases are almost always inherited, in rare cases, they may
9 develop later in life when the body develops an autoimmune response
10 to the blood's natural clotting factors; and

11 WHEREAS, When the normal clotting process is diminished,
12 patients may experience problems with bleeding excessively from
13 relatively minor injuries; other symptoms can include easy
14 bruising, unexplained nosebleeds, and anemia; if not treated
15 effectively, bleeding disorders can be fatal; and

16 WHEREAS, Hemophilia Awareness Month was first designated
17 federally in March 1986; three decades later, in March 2016, the
18 Department of Health and Human Services expanded the observance to
19 include other bleeding disorders, such as von Willebrand disease;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Bleeding disorders are life-changing and
22 potentially deadly conditions, and Bleeding Disorders Awareness
23 Month serves as a means of rallying support for vital research and
24 resources that can help improve the outlook for those living with

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1 these diseases; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize March 2023 as Bleeding Disorders
4 Awareness Month and encourage all Texans to learn more about
5 bleeding disorders.