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1 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23**

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4 *Designating August, in 2026 and in each succeeding year, as Make-A-Will Month in Virginia.*

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6 Committee Referral Pending

7 WHEREAS, a will is a legal document that contains instructions concerning what should be done with
8 one's assets and property following their death; and9 WHEREAS, all Virginians, regardless of their income level, should create a will to ensure that their
10 property, possessions, and assets are properly bequeathed, their children are adequately cared for, and their
11 wishes for everything under their care and power are fully known; and12 WHEREAS, despite the importance of a will, many individuals have failed to establish one, leaving major
13 decisions to be determined by the government and through applicable laws, putting added pressure and stress
14 on grieving family members; and15 WHEREAS, creating a will gives individuals the ability to plan for how their digital assets and online
16 accounts should be handled following their death, as well to support charities and causes of their choosing;
17 and18 WHEREAS, there are a number of organizations and entities, such as the American Red Cross and
19 FreeWill.com, that are dedicated to helping individuals overcome the challenges and complexities of creating
20 a will; and21 WHEREAS, recognizing August as Make-A-Will Month will provide the relevant state and local agencies
22 with an opportunity to offer free resources and information on the importance of establishing a will, while
23 encouraging individuals to either create or revisit their will for the benefit of their descendants; now,
24 therefore, be it25 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate
26 August, in 2026 and in each succeeding year, as Make-A-Will Month in Virginia; and, be it27 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to
28 the American Red Cross so that members of the organization may be apprised of the sense of the General
29 Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it30 RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this month on
31 the General Assembly's website.

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