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THIRD READING

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Bill No: SR 23  
Author: Rubio (D) and Wiener (D)  
Introduced: 2/25/25  
Vote: Majority

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**SUBJECT:** Long COVID Awareness Day

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution proclaims that the day of March 15, 2025, is Long COVID Awareness Day.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The first Monday in March marks COVID-19 Memorial Day, an opportunity for remembrance of those we lost, recognition of caregivers' efforts, and reflection on lessons learned for future preparedness.
- 2) Current research indicates that Long COVID can affect people of all ages, including children, regardless of the severity of their initial COVID-19 infection. There is evidence that vaccination against COVID-19 significantly reduces the risk of severe illness and complications, including the likelihood of developing Long COVID.
- 3) There is a critical need for increased public awareness and understanding of Long COVID to support those affected, promote early recognition, and encourage the development of effective treatments and interventions.
- 4) The Legislature urges all residents to educate themselves about Long COVID, support those who are affected, get vaccinated against COVID-19, and contribute to the ongoing efforts to combat this condition through research, advocacy, and community engagement.

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**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 3/4/25)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 3/4/25)

None received

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