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A Senate resolution

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memorializing the President and Congress to direct the United States Food and Drug

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Administration to approve off-label use of certain medications to combat COVID-19.

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WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2;

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WHEREAS, the number of cases of COVID-19 being reported in the United States is

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increasing, reflecting the rapid spread of the disease; and

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WHEREAS, the duration and severity of the symptoms of COVID-19 vary, ranging from

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very mild to severe, including death; and

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WHEREAS, currently there are no drugs or other therapeutics approved by the United States

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Food and Drug Administration to treat COVID-19; and

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WHEREAS, currently there are no vaccines available for COVID-19; and

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WHEREAS, there have been multiple reports that the off-label use of hydroxychloroquine

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with azithromycin to treat COVID-19 results in milder symptoms and quicker recoveries, and in

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some cases has prevented death; NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the legislature of the state of Minnesota that it urges the President

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and Congress of the United States to direct the United States Food and Drug Administration to

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expedite the approval and permit the off-label use of hydroxychloroquine, chloroquine, ivermectin,

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remdesivir, and other medications that show promise in combating COVID-19 by patients who

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have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare copies

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of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary

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of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,

- 2.1 the chair of the United States Senate Committee on Finance, the chair of the United States House
- 2.2 Committee on Ways and Means, and Minnesota's senators and representatives in Congress.