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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In 1973, the National Trust for Historic Preservation established the month of May as National Historic Preservation Month in order to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling national and community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and demonstrating the social, cultural, and economic benefits of historic preservation; and

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WHEREAS, Historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency recognizes May as Historic Preservation Month and highlights local events throughout the State to recognize and promote the historic cultural resources of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Historic Preservation Month increases awareness of historically significant buildings, structures, sites, and places to Illinois residents and visitors alike; and

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WHEREAS, It is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the

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1 heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

2 WHEREAS, Historic Preservation Month can inspire
3 conversations and discussions in a community, uniting
4 residents in a common and important cause to recognize,
5 preserve, and promote these places; and

6 WHEREAS, Historic preservation efforts, especially the
7 rehabilitation of historic buildings and structures, provide
8 new housing and business opportunities, revitalize
9 neighborhoods, stabilize and even increase property values,
10 and create jobs; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize and hereby
13 proclaim May of 2017 as Historic Preservation Month in the
14 State of Illinois, and call upon its residents and visitors to
15 participate in this special observance; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.