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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became law in 1990 prohibiting discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life; and

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WHEREAS, Increased ADA awareness promotes equality and fairness within the United States for those who live life with a disability; and

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WHEREAS, One of the largest provisions of the ADA is to provide access to public facilities so those with disabilities are able to fully participate and enjoy the facilities without concern about accessibility; and

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WHEREAS, In 1979, Illinois created the Illinois Human Rights Act forbidding discrimination based on sex, age, race, color, religion, arrest record, marital status, sexual orientation, physical and mental disability, citizenship status (with regard to employment), national origin, ancestry, unfavorable military discharge, familial status (with respect to real estate transactions), military status, sexual harassment, and orders of protection; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois is committed to fighting discrimination, creating the Illinois Human Rights Commission to make impartial

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1 determinations of whether there has been unlawful
2 discrimination as defined by the Illinois Human Rights Act; and

3 WHEREAS, Illinois has approximately 1.4 million people
4 with a reported disability; and

5 WHEREAS, Providing access to seating and parking for those
6 with disabilities creates ease of access to attend events and
7 enjoy the facilities across the State; and

8 WHEREAS, Ensuring access to public locations benefits all
9 citizens by promoting inclusivity and diversity; therefore, be
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11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage the State
13 of Illinois and all public facilities to faithfully follow
14 federal Americans with Disabilities Act laws and the Illinois
15 Human Rights Act to ensure that events are accessible to all
16 people with disabilities across the State.