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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, According to both the United States Environmental
3 Protection Agency and Centers for Disease Control and
4 Prevention, there is no safe level of exposure to lead; and

5 WHEREAS, Illinois has a large number of older homes and
6 more lead service lines than any other state; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 170 public water systems in Illinois
8 serving approximately 700,000 people have exceeded federal
9 lead standards during at least one year since 2004, and 9 water
10 systems in the Chicago area have exceeded federal lead
11 standards at least twice since 2004, including municipalities
12 in Cook, DuPage, and Lake Counties; and

13 WHEREAS, One in every 10 Illinois water systems has found
14 lead levels exceeding 40 parts per billion - a level the EPA
15 has noted poses an imminent and substantial threat to the
16 health of children and pregnant women - in at least one home
17 between 2011 and 2015; and

18 WHEREAS, Illinois water systems that have reported lead
19 levels higher than 40 parts per billion since 2011 include, but
20 are not limited to, the University of Illinois at
21 Urbana-Champaign, Northern Illinois University in DeKalb,

1 Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, the Stateville
2 Correction Center near Joliet, and the Illinois Youth Center
3 near St. Charles; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois Environmental
7 Protection Agency, in coordination with the Department of
8 Public Health, shall conduct a study of lead in Illinois
9 drinking water describing the chemical and human health impacts
10 of lead in Illinois piped water supplies; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That in conducting this study the Agency shall
12 monitor actual lead levels, measured in parts per billion, in a
13 wide variety of supplies of Illinois piped water; monitoring
14 efforts shall concentrate on, but shall not be limited to,
15 Illinois public water systems where lead test results have
16 exceeded U.S. Environmental Protection Agency lead standards
17 in at least one year since 2004; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That each component of this study shall delineate
19 the number of samples that made up each data set, and shall
20 list the municipality or other unit of local government that
21 describes the water system from which each sample was taken;
22 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That all results from this lead monitoring shall
2 be public documents and shall be published online on the
3 Agency's official website on a weekly basis; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Agency shall deliver a preliminary
5 report, listing the water systems where testing is taking place
6 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
7 the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House
8 of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the Senate by
9 September 1, 2016; the report shall be published online on the
10 Agency's official website no later than September 1, 2016; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Agency shall deliver a final report,
13 summarizing its test results and making policy recommendations
14 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
15 the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House
16 of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the Senate by
17 January 1, 2017; the report shall be published online on the
18 Agency's official website no later than January 1, 2017; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That the study shall begin immediately upon
21 adoption of this resolution.