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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Many Illinois residents are in a continuous
3 struggle to provide food for themselves and their families;
4 this struggle, also known as food insecurity, can result in
5 hunger, malnutrition, and, in some cases, starvation; and

6 WHEREAS, Since the overall health of a person is dependent
7 upon a proper diet, hunger and malnutrition can lead to
8 physical and cognitive impairments in children and create a
9 host of health-related problems in adults; and

10 WHEREAS, The establishment of a network of community-based
11 food banks and food pantries can reduce the prevalence of food
12 insecurity and offset the adverse effects of hunger and
13 malnourishment; and

14 WHEREAS, One in nine Illinois residents struggles with
15 hunger and food insecurity; and

16 WHEREAS, Charitable food organizations, including food
17 banks and food pantries, have responded to food insecurity in
18 Illinois by accepting food donations and providing hot meals,
19 groceries, and information on government assistance programs
20 to at-risk adults and families; and

1 WHEREAS, A greater public awareness of food insecurity and
2 the impact food insecurity has on the residents of Illinois is
3 essential to encourage donations to local food banks and food
4 pantries in this State; and

5 WHEREAS, The permanent establishment of Food Pantry
6 Donation Month will serve to educate the residents of Illinois
7 about the importance of food banks and food pantries in the
8 effort to reduce food insecurity and to encourage communities
9 throughout the State to support local charitable food
10 organizations in their efforts to establish a safety net for
11 those who are unable to provide for their own nutritional needs
12 or those of their families; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we declare the Month of November 2019 as Food Pantry Donation
16 Month in order to raise a greater public awareness of food
17 insecurity and the impact food insecurity has on the residents
18 of Illinois.